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DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES
Master Sgt. Jamie Almquist, 36th Contingency Response Group contingency response team chief, marshals a C-17 Globemaster III from the 176th Wing, Alaska Air National Guard, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Nov. 11, 2018. The aircraft delivered supplies and vehicles for civil engineers on island. Service members from Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command are providing Department of Defense support to the CNMI's civil and local officials as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency-supported Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts.
U.S. AIR FORCE/TECH. SGT. JOSHUA J. GARCIA

$39K endorsed for lawmakers

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Incoming lawmakers in the 21st CNMI Legislature will be receiving the same annual salary of $39,300 that was enacted more than 20 years ago as recommended by a recently constituted advisory commission.

However, a salary based on an existing composite price index must be in place before the start of the 21st Legislature or the annual salaries of legislators would go down to $8,000, as provided to members of the inaugural Legislature.

This was the gist of the report that the Advisory Commission on the Compensation of Commonwealth Executive, Legislative and Judicial

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'Exercise your right to vote'

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Against a backdrop of ruin left by a typhoon and a super typhoon, CNMI voters will troop today, Tuesday, to polling places to elect among 93 can-

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Mañagaha reopens

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One of the most popular destinations of the CNMI, Mañagaha Island, has reopened to the public over the weekend, Japanese company Tasi Tours

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From left to right: Jack Salas (IP&E), Jim Oehlerking (IT&E), Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Minyong Ha (SK Telecom), and Sungwon Pyun (SK Telecom).
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CITADEL, SK TELECOM, IT&E, IP&E

$250K donation for relief efforts

Citadel Pacific Ltd., which operates IT&E and IP&E in the CNMI, plus its telecommunications partner, SK Telecom, have committed a total of $250,000 to support relief and recovery efforts in the CNMI in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu.

In a Citadel Pacific announcement

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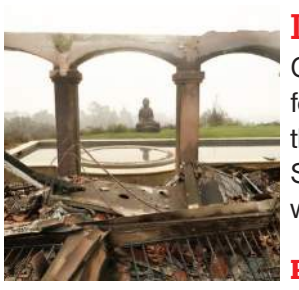

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Local

American Red Cross to give cash aid

The American Red Cross will be handing out cash aid. The process will be done in cooperation with the ARC-NMI Chapter.

The assistance will be given to families on Saipan and Tinian whose homes were either totally destroyed (two or more structural elements) or damaged (one structural element).

One structural element is a roof or a wall. To be considered structural damage, it must be collapsed rafters or wall studs and not just flooding and window or tin roof damage.

The Red Cross will have several service centers throughout Saipan to avoid over-crowding while Tinian will have one at the Tinian Community Gym, which will be open daily from 9am to 5:30pm.

The Tanapag Social Hall is one of Saipan's service centers and opened yesterday. The Tanapag service center will be at the Tanapag Social Hall up to tomorrow and is open from 9am to 6pm.

The Red Cross will also put up service centers in Kagman (9am to 6pm, Nov. 15 and 16); Chalan Kanoa, San Antonio and Koblerville (9am to 6pm, from Nov. 17 to 19); and San Vicente and Dandan (9am to 6pm, from Nov. 17 to 19).

The locations in Kagman, Chalan Kanoa, San Antonio, Koblerville, San Vicente, and Dandan will be announced before Thursday.

"To minimize wait time, visit the service center closest to your home. Only one head of household needs to come to the service center," said the Red Cross.

The head of household must bring an ID as proof of residency (official photo, lot number, phone or Commonwealth Utilities Corp. billing, or rental or lease agreement). Saipan residents must also bring photos of household damage.

For more information, call 2343459.

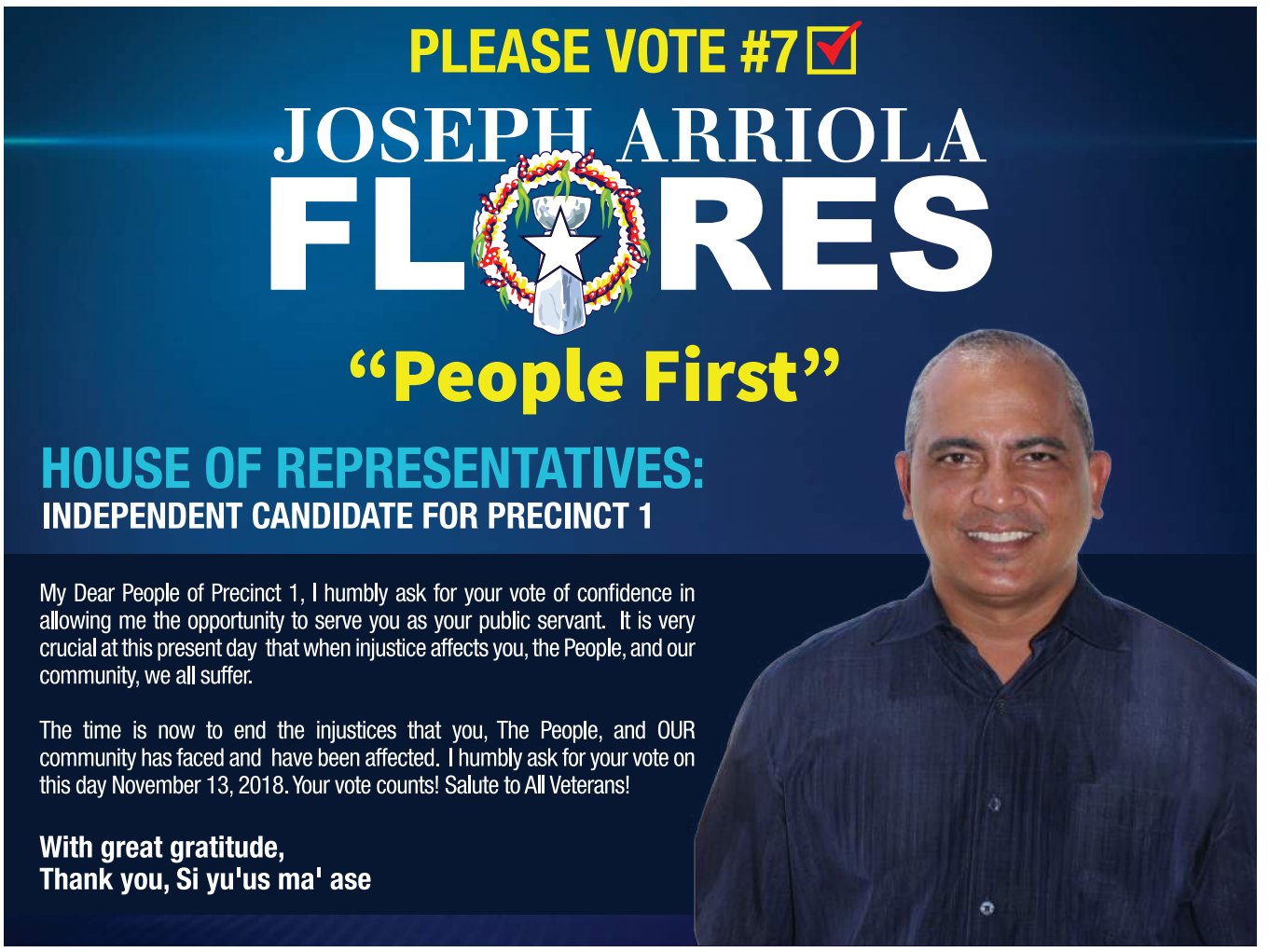
Recovery Center closed

The Disaster Recovery Center at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library will be closed today for the CNMI general election. They will resume their operations tomorrow and on Thursday from 8am to 5pm and will move to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Friday.

The DRC assists residents with face-to-face meetings with representatives of the local government, FEMA, and the U.S. Small Business Administration in answering questions related to their recovery and other disaster-related assistance.

They are first encouraging applicants who are insured to make a claim with their insurance before registering to avail FEMA's disaster assistance.

For more information, call (800) 6213362 or apply online at disasterassistance.gov. The number for speech or hearing-impaired individuals is 1-800-462-7585. ***(Jon Perez)***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Palacios pleased with early voting turnout

By JON PEREZ
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Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) was impressed to see long lines of voters in the first five days of early voting at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. He also chose to vote early last Saturday and was joined by his wife, Wella, and some members of the Palacios clan.

Palacios, who is the running mate of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, said they expected to see a lot of people vote over the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) since there's no work. "It looks like [early voting is] going to be a huge turnout. A lot of people will come out."

"We're going to see more before the elections [Tuesday] since Monday is a holiday. People are still going to vote. I'm not sure [Tuesday] is a holiday, unless people take an administrative leave," he added.

As of Saturday, a total of 4,757 voters had already cast their early votes, based on the numbers provided by CEC.

"Those who are probably at work would come out during their lunch break or would take an hour off. We want to make sure families come out and do this today (Saturday). Since we're going to be working Monday," said Palacios, who added that he would still need to check on some of their friends to make sure they vote.

He said they expect that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would soon fix the power lines on Capital Hill, including the area near the Legislature and the Governor's Office. "According to House Speaker [Rafael Demapan], we might get energized [Saturday] or [Sunday]. Some areas [on] Capital Hill already have power."

"We're going to get a skeletal staff. Other than that, I think probably we could go back to normal. We've got a plan to do something with the leadership this week; we'll check with the members to see if we can do it or after the election."

JON PEREZ

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), left, listens as Commonwealth Elections Commission executive director Julita A. Villagomez gives some final instructions before he enters the polling place last Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

App helps assess Yutu damage

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The mobile application called "RC Collect" has been a big help in assessing the damage and collecting data from every village impacted by Super Typhoon Yutu that battered the islands of Saipan and Tinian last month.

Speaking before the Saipan Chamber of Commerce members in last Wednesday's membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch said they use the same app in data gathering, which they then share with local and federal partners.

RC Collect is a data collection geographic information system app.

Hirsch said they used the app in their preliminary damage assessment on Saipan.

"What we did was we drove around. …We looked at Chalan Kanoa that was really hit bad, like Koblerville and San Antonio," he said. "We tried to get a general idea of what's the extent of the damage and then go back and we do a detailed damage assessment. This was done in collaboration with [local] Homeland Security.

Using smartphones with the app, "we go to a house, see that it is damaged, and we hold the phone up where it drops a geo-location pin on that same location where we are standing. Then back at our headquarters, we can see that pin pop up in the map, showing, for example, that in District 1, in Chalan Kanoa, here's the house and this is the extent of the damage."

Hirsch said they share that data with the CNMI government and federal partners like the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which then use it as a guide in delivering services and other relief.

"The app is a very powerful tool for us. It has taken us 10 days to get it done and it is finally finished. …The image is overlaid with the Department of Public Lands lot map. So, every single pin that's dropped, you can actually see what lot it is on."

Other steps

Hirsch said their first step is to provide support in the shelters once the government opens the facilities to house people gravely affected by the storm.

"We have disaster mental health experts and we provide health services by nurses and social workers going out to shelters and meeting families.

"The other thing the Red Cross provides is feeding. We have a large shelter population right now of about 1,000 people and we're providing roughly 5,000 meals a day to the shelters here and on Tinian."

The meals are for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Red Cross then begins distributing emergency supplies once they are done with the disaster assessment. FEMA and the U.S. Department of Defense had helped airlift the emergency supplies from the West Coast and Hawaii to Saipan.

"We need to get out our emergency supplies that arrived in the last couple of days. We have approximately 250 pallets of supplies that came in. These include mosquito coils, flashlights, mosquito nets, tarps, coolers, buckets, water purification machines…"

Fifteen teams have been handing out supplies in Chalan Kanoa and other villages.

Hirsch said they go back out to meet with families in every village to ask what are the other things that they need once they are done with the disaster case management and emergency response.

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Saipan airport to get 8 new AC units

Eight new air-conditioning units will be installed this week at the terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, according to Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Christopher S. Tenorio.

The units were procured before Super Typhoon Yutu and are already on Saipan.

Tenorio, however, noted that every unit may take up to two weeks to be fully operational, depending on its size.

"The priorities are based on passenger common-use areas that currently do not have any units," he said.

At present, he said, air-conditioning units are working along the west corridor, gates 1 and 2, gate 6, gate 6 holding room, and BHS area.

Tenorio said air-conditioning units are working at the departure area in front of checkpoint and at the United and Jeju counters.

At Customs and Border Protection, one of two air-conditioners is working.

Tenorio said air-conditioning units at the arrival area, gates 3 and 4, and holding room B are not operating.

He said elevator 3 is operable, but the rest of the elevators, including at the tower, are inoperable. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

'A legacy of heroism'

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The CNMI celebrated yesterday the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I at the American Memorial Park, with several members of the U.S. military who are providing relief efforts here, attending.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who gave the welcoming remarks at the ceremony, expressed gratitude toward those who served, and those who continue to serve, especially those on-island in response to Super Typhoon Yutu.

"…The typhoon has given us more things to appreciate in life. Seeing the men and women here helping us… is just another testament to what America is all about," said Torres.

He noted that there are over 1,100 men and women in the military helping the CNMI recover from Yutu.

Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander of the Joint Region Marianas, served as the keynote speaker.

She noted that while only a few were fortunate enough to return home from armed conflict and others paid the "ultimate sacrifice," it left behind a "legacy of their heroism."

"We remember those we have lost, those who have served valiantly, and those who continue the fight," she said. "…Let us give them thanks for the lives we lead and for the lives of our future generation."

Chatfield noted that one in the U.S. military swears an oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution. "… Not the flag. Not a person or government office. The Constitution," she said.

"To the veterans here today, I express my gratitude for your honor, courage, and commitment to serve. For without you, we would not be here," she said.

WHERE TO VOTE

Precinct 1A (San Antonio) Precinct 1B-1 (San Vicente/Dandan)	Koblerville Youth Center Dandan Middle School cafeteria/ Dandan baseball/softball field entrance
Precinct 1B-2 Precinct 1C (Koblerville)	(San Vicente/Dandan) Koblerville Youth Center
Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Susupe)	Joeten-Kiyu Public Library
Precinct 3A (San Jose/Oleai Precinct 3B-1 (Garapan) Precinct 3B-2 (Garapan)	Marianas Visitors Authority building Garapan Central Park
Precinct 4A (Tanapag) Precinct 4B (San Roque, As Matuis) Precinct 4C (Capitol Hill) Precinct 4D (Northern Islands)	Tanapag Youth Center GTC Elementary School cafeteria Legislature building Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrigan
Precinct 5-1 (Kagman) Precinct 5-2 (Kagman)	Chacha Middle School cafeteria
Precinct 6 (Tinian) Precinct 7 (Rota)	Tinian DPS NMC-Rota

Next Top Chef contest cancelled

To focus resources on Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation have cancelled the CNMI Next Top Chef 2018 competition that was scheduled for Nov. 28, 2018. All donations (cash and in-kind) received in sponsorship of the event will be returned to donors. ***(PR)***

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didates a total of 45 positions, including the government's top positions of governor and lieutenant governor.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita A. Villagomez said they are well prepared for today's general election.

"Please exercise your right," Villagomez urged voters.

As of last Oct. 5, there were 18,975 registered voters in the CNMI.

Yesterday was the last day of the seven-day early voting and Villagomez said it had a very good turnout.

A technician from the Nebraska-based company Election Systems and Software, with the assistance of CEC staff, has been working on the five tabulating machines. "They'd be ready for tomorrow," Villagomez said.

During the six days of early voting, from Nov. 6 to Nov. 11, a total of 5,816 cast their votes in the CNMI, according to CEC.

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) was among those who beat the last day of early voting yesterday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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yesterday, it said that SK Telecom has contributed $100,000 that will support disaster relief organizations. IT&E's contribution of $100,000 is a combination of services and monetary support. Additionally, IP&E is committing a total value of $50,000 for these efforts.

The statement said that the Citadel family of companies and SK Telecom remain committed to helping rebuild the Marianas stronger than before.

Jose Ricardo "Ricky" Delgado, president and CEO of Citadel Pacific Ltd., said the entire Citadel family witnessed "with great sadness… the devastation wrought by Super Typhoon Yutu.

"Having seen the destruction that it has left in its wake, IT&E, our partner, SK Telecom, and IP&E challenged ourselves to ensure that our company could play a major role in the recovery efforts so that people could get back on their feet.

"I am proud to say everyone in our group has risen to the challenge. As always, we are here for them in good, bad, and difficult times," Delgado said.

Citadel Pacific Ltd. is a diversified private holdings company with operations in the CNMI, Guam, Palau, and the Philippines. Citadel's holdings range from stakes in companies engaged in telecommunications to retail, petroleum, gas distribution, property development, and airport services.

Citadel's entities in the CNMI and Guam include IT&E and IP&E.

For over 35 years and with almost 400 associates, IT&E serves more than 90,000 subscribers on the widest and strongest 4G LTE data network in Guam and the Marianas.

"As we move forward together, as one community, and focus our efforts on the full restoration of our islands, we ignite our own individual resilience and create an opportunity for a strong comeback," said IT&E chief executive officer Jim Oehlerking. "It's during times like these that we see real strength, dedication, and love for community come to the surface. I'm inspired by the efforts of our community partners to provide critical services during this period of immense need. I am also very proud to work alongside the best team, maintaining a robust network able to sustain service throughout Super Typhoon Yutu."

IP&E Holdings, LLC is the retail and commercial supplier of petroleum products in Guam, Saipan, and Palau. It operates all of the islands' Shell gas stations through a licensing agreement with Shell.

Brian Bamba, managing director of IP&E Holdings, said, "There is a long road ahead to recovery for the islands, which is why IP&E is fully committed to working together with our Saipan community to rebuild after Super Typhoon Yutu."

SK Telecom, the largest mobile operator in South Korea, with around 50 percent of the market announced a strategic partnership with IT&E in September to work hand in hand to strengthen IT&E's wireless network and deliver leading edge technologies.

"As a sincere partner of IT&E, our hearts go out to the residents of Saipan and Tinian whose lives have been greatly affected by Super Typhoon Yutu," said Park Jung-ho, president and CEO of SK Telecom. "SK Telecom is more than pleased to contribute to the recovery efforts and will continue to stand by the community."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres assured that recovery in the Marianas has seen progress "but we still have a long way to go. We are thankful for the commitment from our friends at Citadel, SK Telecom, IT&E, and IP&E during this critical time. This partnership has remained strong over the years, and I'm confident that we will rebuild the Marianas to be stronger and more resilient for the future." ***(Saipan Tribune/PR)***

$39K

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Officers recently submitted to the House of Representatives.

The seven-member commission pointed out that the CNMI Supreme Court had ruled that any salary increase for the Legislature must be calculated based on an accepted CPI.

"Further, the language of the Supreme Court's joint stipulated order indicates that the starting baseline for any recommendations of the advisory commission is $8,000 and that the advisory commission must base any adjustment of legislative salary on the rate of an 'accepted CPI' for the period from January 1978 to the present," said in the commission's report.

The commission agreed $39,300 is a reasonable annual salary for legislators since it is within the law and would maintain their standard of living without "implementing an extravagant or needlessly excessive increase."

Their local CPI report pegged the salary at $47,555.47 per annum but reached a consensus of $39,300 after reviewing a wide range of other salaries.

The commission, however, retained the salary increase for the governor, lieutenant governor, mayors, justices, and judges that was originally recommended by the previous advisory commission that proposed the controversial $70,000 pay hike for legislators.

The commission said the $120,000 (governor), $100,000 (lieutenant governor), $75,000 (mayors), $130,000 (chief justice), $126,000 (associate justice), $123,000 (presiding judge), and $120,000 (associate judge) remains a commensurate wage.

"The advisory commission found the compensation provided to justices and judges to be comparable to the regional and national averages and commensurate with the responsibilities and obligations of their respective positions," added the commission in their report.

Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. president Alex Sablan is the commission's chair. Its members are David Demapan, Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Matthew Deleon Guerrero, former Senate president Pete P. Reyes, ex-lawmaker Rosemond B. Santos, and Special Assistant for Management and Budget Virginia C. Villagomez.

MAÑAGAHA

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announced yesterday.

Tasi Tours president Masato Tezuka told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday that the company would be re-opening Managaha to the public as a "place of recreation."

Mañagaha, a small islet within the Saipan lagoon on the west side of Saipan island, is rated as the CNMI's No. 1 attraction, with over 70 percent of visitors visiting it.

"It is a rare opportunity to enjoy the island without crowds and to take a brief vacation from the stress of the recent super typhoon," the company noted in a statement.

Due to the lack of tourists, concession stands on Mañagaha Island would be unavailable, along with its marine sports operations, gift shop, or food and beverage stalls. For those interested, four barbecue pits would be available on the island on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The company said it would be providing its beach chairs and parasols for free to the public, and rental gear will be offered at half-price. Snorkel sets may be rented all day for $7 apiece.

Limited transportation to the island would start Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018. The boats would depart from the submarine dock at Pacific Subsea in Lower Base at 8:30am while return trips will depart Managaha at noon and 3:30pm.

The company noted that the public could avail of transportation service to Managaha that is free of charge to residents. Ferries operate every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, starting Nov. 15, 2018.

CNMI residents interested in reserving a slot on the ferry to Mañagaha must provide proof of residency such as a valid photo ID, which includes a CNMI driver's license, a mayor's ID, or a student ID.

Nonresidents, including typhoon responders, militarymen, and other voluntary aid personnel, could avail of a "discounted rate" of $10 for boat transportation to the island and could also avail of a $5 bus pickup from hotels.

For more information and for reservations, the company may be contacted at 234-7148.

Torres, Demapan receive Workforce Act redline, pen

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) received Sunday the official congressional redline of the NMI U.S. Workforce Act of 2018 from House Natural Resources Committee chair Rep. Rob Bishop and the pen President Donald J. Trump used to sign the legislation.

"I am honored to have received the official framed copy of the NMI Workforce Act of 2018 with the actual signing pen used by President Donald J. Trump on Air Force One, where he signed the bill in July," said Torres. "…Bishop, who was the primary author of the bill, asked to personally sign the redline copies as a thank you to [Rep.] Angel Demapan and I for our efforts with our business partners in securing passage of this important legislation for our economy."

Demapan separately thanked Bishop, saying it was a privilege to have worked with Bishop, Torres, and members of the CNMI business community "to get a bill passed into law that would help save our economy."

In December 2017, Torres, along with members of the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp., met with Sen. Lisa Murkowski and members of the working group to help move the bill further. Following the December meeting, Torres worked with the working group, resulting in the introduction of S. 2325 in January 2018.

The Office of the Governor and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources remained in direct communication after the introduction of the bill and through the Senate hearing of the bill on Feb. 6, 2018.

Torres, joined by Demapan, also met with senators on the committee and the Office of Speaker Paul Ryan about the bill.

While two bills were co-introduced in both the House and the Senate, it was only S. 2325 that was amended to reflect new language that directly addressed the needs of the CNMI. As a result, Murkowski's bill became the primary piece of legislation.

In late February, Torres invited Murkowski to the CNMI for a firsthand view of the CNMI economy. Murkowski's visit in March helped provide a clear picture of the CNMI economy and its challenges toward even greater levels of success in the CNMI. This eventually led to the passage of S. 2325 in the Senate in April.

After a parliamentary concern over the bill's revenue provisions within the anti-fraud fee, Bishop re-introduced the bill in the House in late May as H.R. 5956.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, left, and Rep. Angel A. Demapan display the congressional redline of the NMI US Workforce Act of 2018 and the pen President Donald J. Trump used to sign the legislation.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"Since all revenue- generating bills must originate in the House, the language was then fully incorporated into this new version so that we can get it through the House as soon as possible then onto the Senate," said a statement from the Office of the Governor.

The bill was also renamed to include "of 2018" in the short title to distinguish it from the various other versions of the bill floating around Congress.

H.R. 5956 includes the original text of the recently passed S. 2325 in the Senate, along with the blue-slipped language negotiated by the Office of the Governor, the Office of Sen. Murkowski, and the Department of Homeland Security and cleared by the House Committee on Ways and Means.

The Bishop-Murkowski bill then went to the White House on July 13, 2018, for President Trump's action, which ultimately led to the President signing the bill into law on July 24, 2018.

"During my short time as governor, I've learned that nothing ever comes easy. It took a collective effort by an entire community to get it done, despite the uncertainties and roadblocks created by folks that did not want to see us reach this goal or see our economy continue to be viable. This work will always be about advocating for the people in our villages who are actively trying to find a job in our growing economy, our small local businesses that have to make difficult choices, and families and friends that have been affected already. The new law ensures effective wage protection for U.S. workers, an acknowledgement of our long-term guest workers, additional time to allow for the construction and progress of our islands to continue, and stronger safeguards against bad actors in our economy," said Torres. ***(PR)***

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Ayuda board members help load typhoon relief goods

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Ayuda Foundation board members, front, from left, Sen. James V. Espaldon, former senator Frank Blas Jr., Joe John Mantanona, and Walden Weilbacher take a break after helping sort, box, and load items received at the foundation's main CNMI typhoon donation collection and loading center.

Another 40-foot container is nearly full of relief goods and is ready to be shipped out to the Super Typhoon Yutu-ravaged CNMI.

Donations that were loaded into the container include bottled water, diapers, machetes, chainsaws, butane stoves and fuel, medical supplies, food, wash basins, buckets, soaps, toothbrushes, razors, shampoos, feminine products, flashlights, batteries, ropes, tarps, coolers, sleeping bags, and other essentials.

The Ayuda Foundation continues to solicit donations from individuals and companies that want to help out the victims of Super Typhoon Yutu in the CNMI.

Items that are especially needed in the CNMI at this time are bottled drinking water, canned goods, instant soup, tarps, ropes, mosquito coils, nets, mosquito repellants, first aid kits, flashlights, batteries, tools, nails, machetes, butane stoves, butane cartridges, adult and children diapers, paper towels, baby wipes, paper plates, cleaning supplies, cots, sleeping bags, chainsaws, air mattresses, sheets, bedding, pillow cases, pillows, and other items needed for living under rough conditions.

Clothing donations are being discouraged at this time as they take up valuable storage space that can be better utilized for more essential items.

In-kind donations can be dropped off at the Ayuda Foundation's main CNMI typhoon donation collection and aggregation center located at the Triple J facility in Upper Tumon (former Foremost).

For more information, call the Ayuda Foundation at (671) 473-3003 or check out the Foundation's Facebook page. ***(PR)***

Guam ROTC students help load Ayuda relief items for shipping

A group of Air Force ROTC cadet students from John F. Kennedy High School are helping unload and pack up relief goods for the Ayuda Foundation's CNMI typhoon relief drive.

Among the donations that the JFK ROTC students helped unload from pickup trucks and into the containers were bottled water, buckets filled with necessities, food, butane fuel, tarps, paper towels, and toilet paper as well as hundreds of buckets donated by Jamaican Grill.

The JFK ROTC cadets who helped out were Joseph Fuppula, Michael Yao, Jonathan Dancel, Samuel Siaumau, and Brett Macasaquit. Their instructor is SMSGT Victor Rosario.

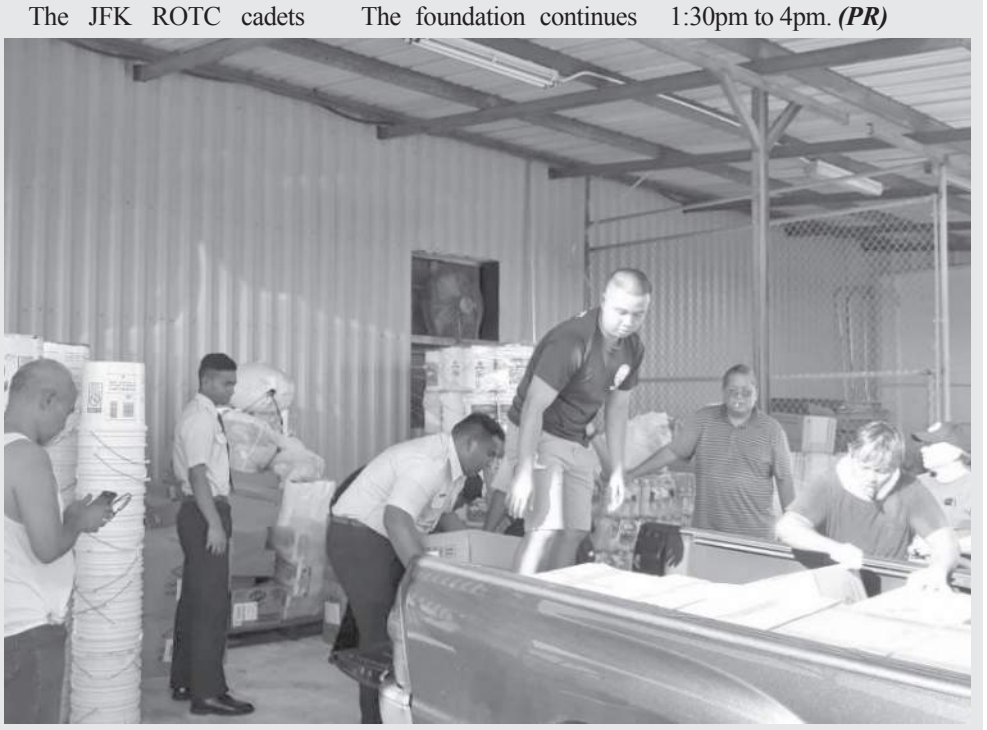
Earlier, students from John F. Kennedy High School presented a check amounting to $2,052.10 for the foundation's CNMI typhoon relief drive.

Aside from making a check donation, the JFK students also made colorful posters with slogans like "Yutu Can Help" and "We Are One."

The foundation continues to solicit donations from individuals and companies that want to help out the victims of Super Typhoon Yutu in the CNMI.

The foundation is also asking for volunteers to join the JFK ROTC students who can help sort, box, and load items received at the foundation's collection and loading center at the Triple J facility in Upper Tumon, Guam.

Those who want to volunteer can report to the Triple J typhoon relief goods loading site Monday-Friday from 1:30pm to 4pm. ***(PR)***



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A group of Air Force ROTC cadet students from John F. Kennedy High School helps Sen. James V. Espaldon and former senator Frank Blas Jr.

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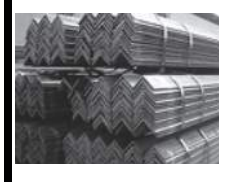

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Tenting program to prioritize homes with major damage

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The newly-created Temporary Emergency Tent and Roofing Installation Support program, or TETRIS, will prioritize homes that sustained major damage or were completely leveled by Super Typhoon Yutu.

The TETRIS program, which was created through a collaboration between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the CNMI government, aims to help storm-impacted residents returning to or remaining in their homes while permanent repairs are being completed.

According to CNMI Homeland Security public information officer Nadine Deleon Guerrero, assessments are still underway and homes that were completely damage or sustained major damage are being prioritized.

With the huge demand for tents, individuals who are in dire need of temporary homes will be prioritized.

For the roofing part, Deleon Guerrero said there is no shortage of tarps or temporary roofing supplies like tin and lumber.

For individuals to be considered for the program, three assessments must be done by three different parties; FEMA, the CNMI government, and the American Red Cross NMI Chapter.

The TETRIS program is an expansion of the CNMI Tenting Program to include Saipan and Tinian with greater outreach and the inclusion of potential roofing repair.

The TETRIS program will use technical specialists, FEMA funding, and manpower from state and military partners. All four branches of the military family are represented. FEMA and the Commonwealth will reimburse the military for their expenses.

The roofing program will be available to damaged homes identified during recent and ongoing damage assessments.

Single-family homes, duplexes, and townhomes may be eligible for the roofing component of the program. Apartment complexes and businesses will not be eligible.

Buildings must be structurally sound so approved emergency work can be made safely and will provide suitable shelter.

State and military partners are providing the labor to install the roofing and some of the tent installations as local contractors and volunteers are in short supply.

All impacted CNMI residents may be eligible for these programs, regardless of citizenship.

Accountant takes citizenship oath before former boss

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, seated second from left, Veterans of Foreign Wars Saipan Post 3457 commander Brad E. Ruszala, seated left, and Immigration Services officer Teresa Vega-Murietta, seated extreme right, pose for a photo with 14 flag-waving new U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony in the District Court last Friday. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

» 14 take oath as new US citizens

Mario Magora Cabalza's first boss with MS Villagomez Inc. on Saipan in 1991 was Ramona Villagomez Manglona.

After 27 years, Manglona, now chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI, presented Cabalza with a certificate as one of 14 new U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony last Friday.

Manglona, who presided over the naturalization ceremony, hugged the beaming 61-year-old Cabalza after she handed him the certificate.

In her remarks, Manglona said she is "very grateful" that Cabalza was at the naturalization ceremony, noting that he has been an accountant with MS Villagomez Inc. and the Villagomez family for 27 years.

Cabalza said it was their daughter who petitioned him and his wife to become U.S. citizens. Cabalza, a native of Cagayan Valley, the Philippines, first arrived on the island in March 1988 to work as an accountant. In 1991, he transferred to MS Villagomez Inc. "Up to now I'm still with them, with the family…27 years," he said.

Aside from being an accountant, Cabalza also supervises some of MS Villagomez's properties and helps the family with their taxes.

Cabalza and his wife, Lucille Sison Cabalza, have two children.

Yu Wang, a former Chinese national, said it is a wonderful feeling to take his oath as a U.S. citizen. Wang, a tour agent, first arrived on the island in 2009. He has been married to a local resident for seven years.

Brad Ruszala, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Saipan Post 3457 and a public affairs specialist for Joint Region Marianas, served as the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Ruszala said it is a great honor for him to be among the first to welcome the new citizens as "my fellow Americans."

Ruszala related that, except for one, his great grandparents immigrated to the U.S. at the turn of the century to "chase the American dream."

"All of my father's grandparents made the journey from Poland, while my mother's grandparents came from Hungary and England, save for my great grandpa Neal, who was a native American of the Cherokee tribe," he said.

Ruszala said the new citizens have a lot in common with his great grandparents. "You've found the courage to leave your homeland in search of something new, something better."

Ruszala called them adventurers—explorers who are not content with what was given and intrigued by the challenges ahead. "Today is a big step, but it is just the first step of your American journey," he added.

Ruszala said that, as the sons of immigrants, each of his grandparents served in the U.S. Army, and his father followed suit when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. When his turn came, he enlisted with the Army.

Manglona stated it's truly a wonderful feeling to see fellow Americans, even those who live far from the CNMI, showing care to the CNMI after Super Typhoon Yutu's fury. The judge said people from the military has come forward to assist the CNMI in its recovery efforts.

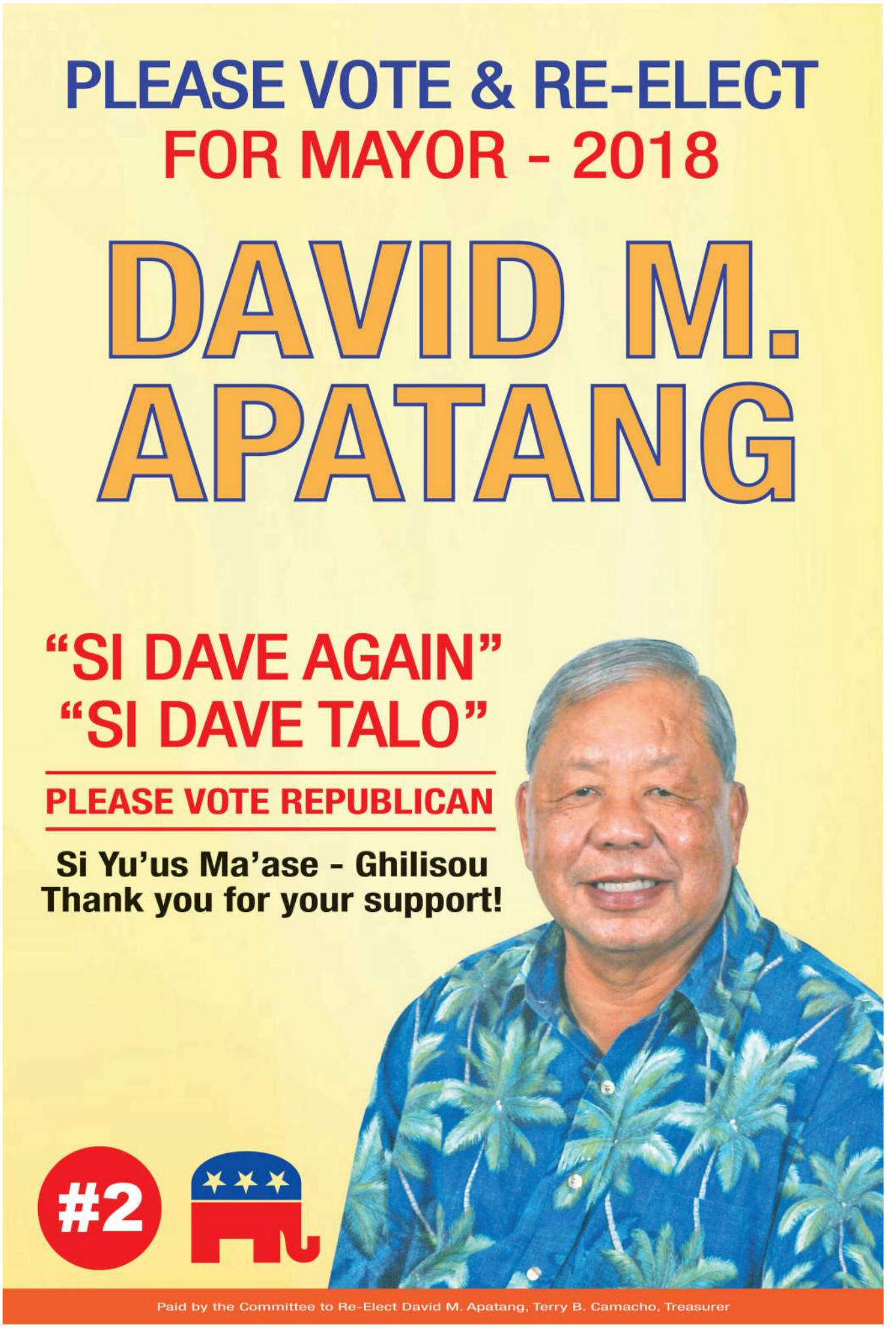
Twelve of the 14 new citizens hail from the Philippines. Two are from China and Japan.

Aside from the Cabalza couple and Yu Wang, the other new citizens are Severo Rivero Avila Jr., Susana Reyes Castro, Teresita Aureo Dela Cruz, Mary Ann Canzado Epley, Ma. Rayda Alcara Ferrer, Rosita Duazo Galvan, Candida Parasdas Mabaet, Carlos Prado Mabaet, Alfredo Bayangos Paras, Tessie Fami Santos, and Isamu Takagi.

BOG's Kin Cook to visit Saipan

Bank of Guam's interim president and chief executive officer Joaquin P.L.G. Cook will travel to Saipan later this week to meet with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, the staff of the bank's Garapan branch and the Saipan community. A special donation will be made that that time. Cook will also tour the island to view the extent of the damage to the community, its people, its government and its businesses.

Since the passing of Typhoon Yutu, Bank of Guam has contributed $15,000 to the Ayuda Foundation to airlift medical supplies for 10,000 patients. The bank has also established a "Typhoon Yutu Relief" fund account, initiated loan deferments for CNMI residents and offered its services for coin drives. ***(PR)***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A step forward in the fight against gun violence

Earlier this year, the National Rifle Association shut down access on its web site to the grades it has long awarded lawmakers. It seems the organization's A grades, once a mark of electability, were becoming a liability for politicians. On Tuesday, advocates of sensible gun regulation demonstrated why.

In Washington state, voters easily passed a referendum that will raise to 21 the legal age to purchase semiautomatic rifles. Buyers will also have to pass an enhanced background check, take a training course and wait 10 days after paying to obtain the weapon. The initiative will also require gun owners to store their firearms securely or risk criminal penalties.

To those who believe a weapon of war should be purchased with the same ease as a bottle of aspirin and left loaded where children can readily access it, the new law is a nuisance. But Washingtonians decided that keeping powerful weapons out of the hands of children and the unfit is a priority higher than convenience. (Another mass shooting, this time near Los Angeles, provides the most recent evidence of how necessary such efforts are.)

Even more remarkable in the midterms was the number of congressional candidates running in swing districts nationwide who advocated gun-safety regulation. Among Democrats competing in the party's targeted "red-to-blue" districts held by Republicans, a majority spoke up for gun regulation. In Georgia's 6th Congressional District, gun-safety advocate Lucy McBath upset incumbent Republican Karen Handel. (McBath's son, Jordan Davis, was shot to death in 2012 by a man who didn't like the music playing from Davis's parked car.)

In Florida, Georgia and Texas, Democrats who ran on gun safety lost statewide races—but only narrowly, charting a seismic shift in gun politics in the South. Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt, who had appeared in NRA advertising and earned the group's A+ rating, lost his bid to become governor to a gun-safety candidate, Steve Sisolak. A host of other candidates with A grades lost as well, including gubernatorial hopefuls in Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota and New Mexico.

Earlier this year in Vermont, another traditional gun-rights state, Governor Phil Scott signed laws to expand background checks, limit magazine capacity and enable the removal of guns from people at "extreme risk" of violence.

The prospects for gun safety have improved partly because political intensity around the issue has changed sides. Gun policy has become a top issue for voters, midterm exit polls showed. And those who favor stricter gun laws are now more likely than those who oppose them to say the issue of gun regulation is a very important voting issue, according to an October poll for Everytown for Gun

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Don't wear cheap shoes and other lessons

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Unrealistic expectations and cheap shoes are responsible for a lot of misery. I know. I've dealt with both.

I bought my first pair of high heels at a thrift shop when I was 15. My first set of unrealistic dreams arrived at precisely the same time.

It was 1972, and platform shoes, patchwork suede boots and patent leather loafers were all the rage. But the 1940s fashions were also having a comeback. Since my only income was a regular babysitting job that paid 50 cents an hour, I became an early and adept Salvation Army shopper.

Not to brag, but I was all about retro before "retro" was cool.

The navy blue heels I bought could have been worn by the Andrews Sisters when they sang "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" in 1941. But they also could have been worn by Bette Midler singing the same song when it became a hit on the B-side of her single "Delta Dawn."

I was ready to boogie. I was ready to prance. I was ready to dance.

Only, because the $1.50 shoes were at least one size too small, I could barely move in them. Forced to walk like one of those awkward animals with tiny hooves—a mouse deer, for example, or a fainting goat—I did not exactly move with a groove. I leaned against the walls for support and used both hands on the banister.

All of a sudden, I became quiet and dainty in my movements. It wasn't a personality transformation, like where the tomboy shakes out her ponytail and becomes all feminine. I was silent and self-contained because I was in misery and in pain, but too proud to confess it.

And that's when a cute boy asked me out.

The poor soul thought he was asking out a demure little creature. I, equally poor soul, tried to become one. The romance didn't last long; personality, like murder, will out. I wanted to be shy, sweet and unassuming, but I couldn't contain my real self any more than those shoes could contain my real feet.

Small scars from both experiences have lasted until today.

But at least I learned that those who refuse to acknowledge the deleterious effects of inappropriate footwear and impracticable hopes remain in a condition of chronic, yet avoidable, distress.

Some of my brighter friends learned these lessons earlier. Former colleague Patricia Juliana Smith learned from her mother, "Who had lived through periods of terrible poverty and thus was inclined to pinch pennies (and who) told me to allow myself to pay full price for two things: shoes and perfume. Cheap shoes and cheap perfume do a woman no good."

J. Barrett Wolf, a friend from high school who accompanied me on those thrift shop outings, draws his footwear wisdom from author Terry Pratchett. Pratchett's character, Samuel Vines, has a "'Boots theory of socioeconomic unfairness" that goes as follows: "A man who could afford fifty dollars had a pair of boots that'd still be keeping his feet dry in ten years' time, while the poor man who could only afford cheap boots would have spent a hundred dollars on boots in the same time and would still have wet feet."

Vines concludes that the rich stay rich because, in the long run, they spend less money.

Cheap shoes, even if they're pretty, and dreams that confine you, even if they're fashionable, will wear you out, wear you down and make you miserable if they aren't a good fit.

In other words, if the shoe doesn't fit, don't wear it.

It's hard, when we're given images of life on easy street, to imagine walking a mile in the shoes of those who live in an apparently glittering, easy-gliding world where stepping comfortably and gracefully is the norm. But much of the world is roughshod, and it's better to toughen up than to kid yourself into believing you're protected, supported and on solid ground even when you're not.

I wear flat shoes with sturdy insoles these days. They're expensive, but they aren't glamorous and they don't dazzle. My ambitions are much the same: realistic, sensible and grounded. They might not make me seem alluring but they keep a smile on my face and, with care, they'll last for years.

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We must meet the unique needs of post-9/11 veterans

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Humanity has been at peace for just 8 percent of recorded history. While the origins, causes and meanings are debatable within their own fields of study, war appears to be an indelible human endeavor. While the hope and purpose of a democratic society is to only send its military to battle when all other non-violent options have been exhausted, our nation has been at war 222 out of 239 years.

Before conscription was abolished, the draft, in various forms, was used six times: the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam. While every military person, unless they give their last full measure of devotion, becomes a veteran regardless of combat service, of the 20.4 million living veterans, 77 percent of that population served during wartime. To date, Gulf-War era veterans, which includes the post-9/11 global war on terror (GWOT) generation, account for the largest share of the veteran population. There are now more wartime all-volunteer veterans than wartime drafted veterans.

Over the past 17 years our military has endured the longest protracted war in our nation's history, fought by men and women who chose to serve. The shifting landscape and composition of our veteran population has been largely obscured as the Department of Veterans Affairs and the "Big 6" veteran service organizations (VSOs) have scrambled to meet the increasing and complex needs of our aging Vietnam Veterans.

It takes time, resources, and concentrated effort to understand the unique nature of every conflict. For example, it was not until 1994, nearly 30 years after our entrance into Vietnam, that "Veterans and Agent Orange" was published by the Institute of Medicine establishing the carcinogenic nature of the defoliant. It will be many years before the revelation of the full psychological and physical impact of our recent military campaigns are made known. Frankly, we do not yet know the hallmarks of the GWOT. It remains highly possible, if not probable, that the social, psychological and physical needs of the youngest generation of veterans will differ vastly from the men and women who have gone before.

Even without taking into account the differences in warfare between generations of combat veterans, most GWOT veterans are already different, simply by the nature of their volunteering. There is potentially something psychosocially unique about that act. Moreover, they look different. Literally. This subset of the veteran population is younger and more gender, racially and ethnically diverse. Taken together, the psychological and physical differences, it suggests a distinctiveness about this group of veterans.

With less than 1 percent of our population having served in Iraq or Afghanistan, there are entire towns across America whose families have not sent a single son or daughter to war. George Washington feared this possibility and remarked, "When we assumed the Solider, we did not lay aside the Citizen."

While post-traumatic stress disorder, a devastating psychological condition, chronically afflicts about 7 percent of all veterans, we are failing to engage a different enemy on a much bigger front: "transition stresses." The stress of returning to the dramatically different circumstance of civilian life affects between 44 percent and 72 percent of all veterans. In short, coming home is causing more problems than war itself.

Most post-9/11 veterans believe that the civilian public does not understand the problems faced by those in the military or by their families, a belief also shared by the majority of the general public. Another survey found that roughly 40 percent of civilians believe that the majority of the 2.8 million post-9/11 veterans suffer from a mental health condition, a belief not born by fact. In addition, approximately half of civilians say the wars have made little difference in their lives, while 40 percent of veterans report "getting socialized to civilian culture" as a key transitional challenge.

Until recently, there has been a failure to appreciate the collective complexity of the transition into and out of the military for an all-volunteer force. The struggle with the transition from military to civilian life is reported at higher, more difficult levels for post-9/11 veterans than those who served in any other previous conflict or in peacetime. Critically, transition stress has been found to predict both treatment seeking and the later development of mental and physical health problems, including suicidal ideation. What is more, the majority of first suicide attempts by GWOT veterans typically occur during their first year post-military separation.

Is it possible that it's society that is "broken," and not our warriors? While there is no concrete data to indicate disparity rates between the civilian and veteran experience, a cursory internet search returns articles like: The Civilian-Veteran Survival Field Manual; Veterans Employment Toolkit: Common Challenges During Re-adjustment to Civilian Life; The Case For Sticking Close To Your Veteran Community, suggesting that the veteran community feels at increasing odds with the civilian community at large and vice versa.

As we move to honor our veterans this Veterans Day, let us not forget our obligation to them does not end at midnight. Our veterans deserve the best we can offer. When it comes to care, war trauma is real, but it's far from the whole story. Certainly, PTSD merits continued research but a narrow focus on that single condition reinforces the common and false stereotype of veterans – especially those who have seen combat—as severely traumatized, unstable individuals. We desperately need to fund more and different research to understand precisely how transition stresses play out for different kinds of individuals. If we fail to see every veteran, and generation of veterans, as unique and requiring individual consideration, the seemingly mandated "thank you for your service," becomes nothing more than that—paltry words offered once a year, by a disengaged public willfully ignorant of the complexity of service.

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Safety, an advocacy group backed by Bloomberg L.P. founder Michael Bloomberg.

Another reason for progress on gun policy is organization. The teenage survivors of the mass murder in Parkland, Florida, along with groups such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, effectively rallied voters by making phone calls, canvassing neighborhoods and raising money.

The changes required to produce sensible gun policy won't happen overnight. But they're now happening faster than many anticipated. Across the nation, including in red states, voters have just advanced the cause of safety. The tide is turning.

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We can prevent mass shootings. Here's how

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Yes, again.

In another it-can't-happen-here community, a young man has taken the lives of many others, and then his own.

Elements of the story in Thousand Oaks are all too familiar. He was known to his neighbors and law enforcement to be deeply troubled. He was not prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms, though he had been evaluated earlier this year for the possibility of severe mental illness. He had a high-capacity ammunition magazine.

Familiar, yes, but it should not be the new normal.

We can prevent mass shootings. Adequate background checks can stop many high-risk persons from buying firearms, whether that risk is a prior history of violent crime, substance abuse or severe mental illness. Extending the prohibition on gun purchases to include misdemeanors such as assault and battery makes a clear difference.

Unfortunately, many background checks are inadequate. Information is not reported or is mishandled; legal ambiguities can make it difficult to know whether events are, in fact, prohibiting. And even where background checks are required, many people avoid them.

There is much work to do here. Programs such as California's Armed and Prohibited Persons System can recover firearms from persons who purchased them legally, but then became prohibited from owning them. APPS has retrieved thousands of firearms without serious incident. Our group of researchers is evaluating its effect on risk for future violence.

Perhaps most relevant to the tragedy in Thousand Oaks are gun violence restraining orders. These court orders allow firearms to be temporarily seized from individuals in crisis. Thirteen states have enacted such policies, including eight just this year.

Among them is "pro-gun" Florida, scene of the Parkland school shooting. I am aware of two potential mass shootings in California that did not occur because these restraining orders prevented would-be shooters from acquiring firearms. These policies have great potential and should be more widely adopted, and they should be much better known in states where they exist.

There have been other hopeful developments. Physicians and other health professionals, with strong encouragement from many of their professional associations, are stepping up and making public commitments to discuss firearms with their patients, to offer counsel on how to store guns safely and to help authorities recover firearms in emergencies.

Because of mass shootings, we all have a personal stake in preventing firearm violence. Our children and our grandchildren are all at risk. Each of us must also understand that we might be the one person who, having seen something, says something.

And we must remember that our elected officials depend on us to guide them. It is our job to let them know that action to prevent firearm violence is on the must-do list.

America has a proud tradition of mobilizing in the face of crises that threaten public health and safety. We put smart people on the case to do scientific research, so that we can understand the crisis and the clearest paths to solutions. We tell our policymakers to implement those solutions, and we follow through to make sure that progress is made.

We have done this for motor vehicle deaths, heart disease, cancer and HIV/AIDS. We can do it for gun violence.

But really, "we" means you. If you haven't already, make your own public commitment to do your part—whatever that means to you—to help protect our shared right to live safely.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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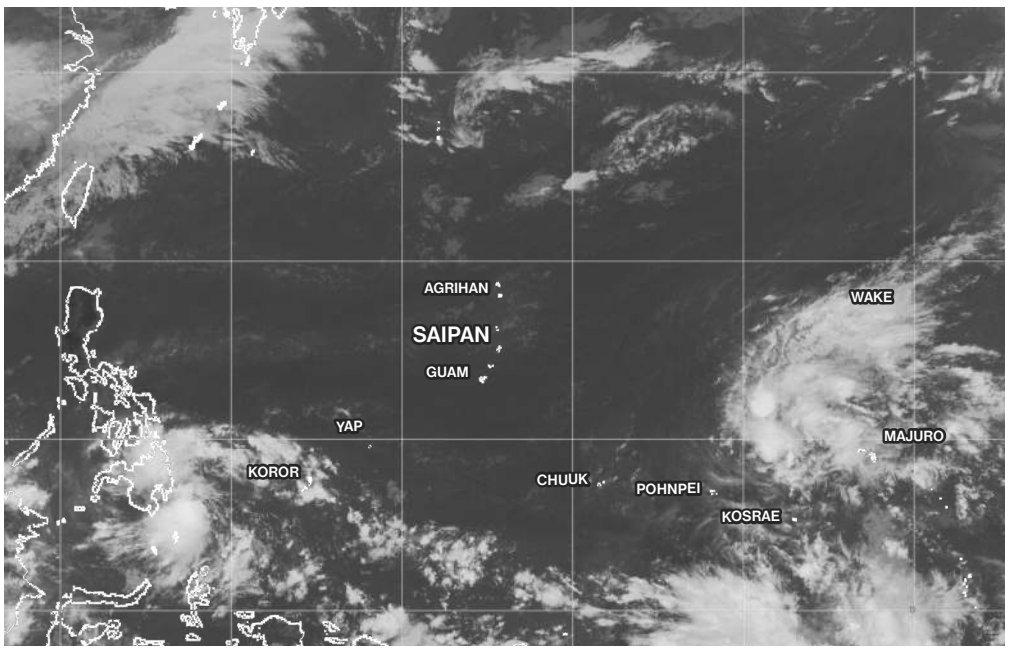

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Dry weather will continue for the Marianas over the next several days, while Invest 98C moves from northeast of Pohnpei westward to south of Guam Friday and Saturday. Latest GFS/ECMWF continues to bring only isolated showers over the Marianas starting Thursday. Meanwhile, heavy showers associated with Invest 98C will remain well south of Guam through the end of the week. This situation will be monitored the next few days and provide updates as necessary, but for now 98C does not pose a real threat to the Marianas.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	88° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	66° / 57°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	61° / 43°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	79° / 73°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83° / 70°
London	Cloudy	55° / 46°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	74° / 51°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	70° / 54°
Miami	Thunderstorms	84° / 76°
New York	Rain	54° / 34°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	61° / 48°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	57° / 39°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	61° / 46°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	68° / 46°
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5:09 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.07
12:31 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.76
6:19 PM	LOW TIDE	1.24
10:13 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.52

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:17 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	10:50 AM	10:24 PM	-
Wednesday	11:36 AM	11:14 PM	-
Thursday	12:20 AM	-	-
Friday	-	12:03 AM	1:01 PM
Saturday	-	12:52 AM	1:41 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

– temporarily suspended

7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

– temporarily suspended

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

– temporarily suspended

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

– temporarily suspended

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

– temporarily suspended

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	6:25pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA105/159	6:25pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX07	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Talks begin to repair damaged Guma' Hustisia

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REPORTER

Saipan's local court, the Guma' Hustisia, was already closed prior to Super Typhoon Yutu due to air-conditioning and mold problems and the typhoon just added to the building's list of woes, sustaining major damage to its infrastructure.

According to a statement from the Commonwealth Judiciary administrative office, the typhoon's 180-mile-per-hour winds damaged the Guma' Hustisia's roof and emergency exit doors and flooded several areas of the building.

The damage was extensive. Flying debris shattered the Guma' Hustisia's roof and skylight glass above the lobby, allowing debris and rainwater to enter the building. The rainwater flooded the building's lobby, causing severe water damage to areas on the first floor and second floor.

Additionally, ceiling tiles in various offices within the Guma' Hustisia caved in, damaging court equipment and documents.

Flying debris also damaged several Judiciary vehicles and one vehicle was totaled after it was pushed and slammed into a wall by Yutu's forceful winds.

As a temporary fix, tarps were placed over the building's exposed areas but the Judiciary is seeking a more permanent repair for health and safety purposes.

The CNMI Judiciary on Tinian—called Kotten Tinian—also sustained water damage throughout the building. Numerous court equipment and air-conditioning units were damaged as well.

A week after Super Typhoon Yutu devastated the island of Saipan and Tinian, Superior Court Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, Presiding Judge Roberto Naraja, and other member of the CNMI Judiciary met with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to discuss the impact of Yutu on the Saipan and Tinian judiciary.

Torres pledged to assist the Commonwealth Judiciary with its recovery efforts and provide as much support as possible.

Torres also requested federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on the Commonwealth Judiciary's behalf.

FEMA has already assessed the damage inflicted by Super Typhoon Yutu on the Guma' Hustisia and has already started discussion on possible assistance.

Court services have resumed despite the Guma' Hustisia's current state. The service windows located at the front of the building are open from 9am to 3pm from Monday to Friday.

The Kotten Tinian is also open for court services from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday.

Supplemental disaster funding assured

Rep. Nita Lowey (New York), the incoming Democratic chair of the House Appropriations Committee, has told Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) that she will support supplemental disaster funding for recovery in the Marianas. The two spoke on Saturday morning.

Although the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund gives substantial assistance to individuals and to rebuild public infrastructure, there are other federal programs that could help the Marianas and that may need special appropriations.

Sablan has already asked Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to work together to formulate a package of requests to congressional appropriators.

"Needs assessments from the governor will be critical to set the level of funding that we ask for," Sablan said. "The congressional office staff in Washington, [D.C.] has already identified about 20 separate programs, above and beyond what FEMA can supply. Now, we need the governor to help fill in the blanks on how much funding is needed for a full recovery.

"I know the governor is focused on the day-to-day recovery, but I remain hopeful that he will find time to work with us on quantifying needs. Congress could act quickly on a supplemental disaster bill to cover hurricanes Florence and Michael and wildfires in the West," said Sablan. "We want to be sure to have Yutu assistance be part of that emergency bill. And I am grateful to incoming chair Nita Lowey for her commitment to help us."

One item on Sablan's list is food stamp funding. The Commonwealth has received permission to use some $9 million of the $30.5 million that Sablan included in the Agricultural Act of 2014 for disaster food assistance on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. But the money was originally to be used for the regular food stamp program to increase benefits and make more families eligible.

"We do not want to rob Peter to pay Paul," Sablan said. "We need that disaster food aid now, of course; but at the end of the day Congress should pay for it separately. We want to be able to keep benefits up and go through with the plan to increase eligibility. So, replacing the money we need to make that possible will be one of my supplemental appropriations requests."

Sablan is also requesting more funding for the Medicaid program that serves about 15,000 people in the Commonwealth. Both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands received more Medicaid money and a waiver of the local match for a year and three-quarters after last year's hurricanes in the Caribbean.

"Puerto Rico also got funding for Army Corps projects in the disaster bill. And that is a precedent I want to use," said Sablan. "We just got a $20 million authorization for Saipan water projects renewed in the Water Resources Development Act of 2018. That is one Army Corps project that could be funded. And Tinian still needs a breakwater to protect its harbor from future typhoons."

Sablan leaves for Washington on Wednesday morning to follow up with face-to-face meetings with appropriators. A waiver of the local cost-share for FEMA grants, authority to rebuild infrastructure by burying electrical lines and using other resiliency measures, and administrative flexibility for disaster unemployment assistance are other items on his agenda. ***(PR)***

Medication assistance available

The U.S Department of Human and Health Services has approved the request of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to activate the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program, or EPAP, and make it available to residents affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

EPAP is intended to provide assistance in times of disaster to individuals who do not have health insurance. Eligible people can receive a free 30-day supply of their medications. Prescriptions can be renewed under EPAP for free every 30 days for as long as EPAP is active.

Find out if you are eligible: EPAP is for people who do not have health insurance. If you have health insurance, such as an individual health insurance policy or employer-sponsored coverage, or public insurance, such as Medicare, Medicaid, or other third-party coverage, you are not eligible to use EPAP. Call the EPAP hotline at 1-855-793-7470 to find out if you are eligible and to register with EPAP.

Find out if your prescription items are covered: EPAP covers most prescription drugs, vaccinations, certain medical supplies, and some forms of medical equipment, including canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and crutches. You can call Express Scripts at 1-855-793-7470 or check the list of items covered by EPAP to learn if your prescription, medical supplies, or medical equipment are covered. Pharmacies must dispense the generic form of a medication unless indicated as Brand Medically Necessary or Dispense as Written by your licensed healthcare provider.

Locate an enrolled pharmacy: All pharmacies in the CNMI are enrolled in EPAP. Additionally, if you are a resident of Saipan or Tinian and are currently off island, you can receive EPAP benefits at an EPAP enrolled pharmacy near you.

Provide the pharmacy with your prescription information: To receive prescription drugs, you must have at least one of the following:

A new, written prescription from a licensed healthcare provider;

Current prescription bottle (empty or filled);

Prescription called in or electronically transmitted by a licensed healthcare provider;

Proof of an existing prescription

To place an order, request a refill, or speak with a pharmacy technician, call the CHCC Outpatient Pharmacy at (670) 236-8798. Our phone system is automated, allowing you to fill place orders 24 hours a day. ***(PR)***

'THANK YOU'
Grace Christian Academy/Youth on the Rock hosts an appreciation event at McDonald's (Middle Road) on Nov. 9 for student volunteers who helped clean up the school after Super Typhoon Yutu. GCA/YOTR partnered with the Navy Hill and Chalan Kanoa MY-Pros groups from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 to contribute to the recovery efforts of Saipan.
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'Democratic majority in House gives Marianas more clout'

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) welcomed election results from the rest of the United States last Tuesday, giving the Democratic Party the majority of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

That makes Sablan, a senior member of the Democratic caucus, eligible to be a chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce or of the House Natural Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over all insular affairs.

"We have been able to accomplish a lot even with a Republican majority over the last eight years," Sablan said, "the CW bill, extra food stamp funding, the increased annual Title I money for schools, return of our submerged lands, and 24-hour water for Saipan.

"But when Democrats had the majority in my first two years in Congress we got $109 million for Medicaid and lowered the local match requirement. We increased Pell grants and made more students eligible. The Marianas became eligible for a state-share of domestic violence grant money. The troop store expansion began. And we got over $1 million in earmarks for [the Northern Marianas Trades Intitute], the Garapan Public Market, and Refaluwasch and Chamorro language programs.

"Those were good years for the Marianas," Sablan said. "And I am looking forward to good years ahead with the Democrats back in the majority in the House and a chairmanship for the Marianas."

Sablan congratulated all the new Democrats who won seats that had been held by Republicans and made the new majority possible.

"I also congratulate my friend Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Ben Ray was responsible for fundraising and recruiting candidates nationwide for this election. Democrats' success today is in large measure the result of his work.

"Now, I look forward to returning to Congress for two more years to work for the people of the Mariana Islands."

Sablan has already made public his "Agenda 116" for the next Congress, including:

Medicaid state-like treatment for the Marianas—already included in the Democrats Health Equity and Accountability Act with 71 cosponsors.

Federal tuition assistance for Marianas college students in mainland universities: Already included in the Aim Higher Act with 68 sponsors.

More funding for the Marianas E-NAP food stamp program: Already introduced in the Northern Mariana Islands Enhanced Nutrition Assistance Act.

The Northern Mariana Islands Workforce Stabilization Act providing status for long-term investors and workers, as agreed by CNMI 902 negotiators, with 36 cosponsors.

In addition, Sablan has already received assurances from Democratic leaders that his requests for supplemental disaster assistance for the Marianas to recover from Super Typhoon Yutu will be part of the appropriations package being put together for hurricanes Florence and Michael.

"Yutu disaster assistance will be my first order of business when I am back at work in Congress on Nov. 14," Sablan said. "This is our chance to rebuild stronger than ever. I intend to make the most of all I have learned in 10 years in Congress to get the Marianas the help we need." ***(PR)***

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Business

Pabst says MillerCoors is trying to put it out of business

In this photo taken on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, cases of Pabst Blue Ribbon and Coors Light are stacked next to each other in a Milwaukee liquor store. AP

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Pabst Brewing Company and MillerCoors are going to trial, with hipster favorite Pabst contending that MillerCoors wants to put it out of business by ending a longstanding partnership through which it brews Pabst's beers.

The case has high stakes for Pabst, whose lawyers argue that the company's very existence relies on the partnership with Chicago-based MillerCoors, which produces, packages and ships nearly all its products, which include Pabst Blue Ribbon, Old Milwaukee, Natty Boh and Lone Star. MillerCoors, meanwhile, says it's not obligated to continue brewing for Pabst and that Pabst doesn't want to pay enough to justify doing so.

The trial in Milwaukee County Circuit Court begins Monday and is scheduled through Nov. 30.

Pabst's attorneys have said in court documents and hearings that MillerCoors LLC is lying about its brewing capacity to break away from Pabst and capture its share of the cheap beer market by disrupting Pabst's ability to compete. At a March hearing in which MillerCoors tried to have the lawsuit dismissed, Pabst attorney Adam Paris said "stunning documents" obtained from MillerCoors show that it went as far as hiring a consultant to "figure out ways to get rid of us." MillerCoors has called that a mischaracterization of the consultant's work.

The 1999 agreement between MillerCoors and Pabst, which was founded in Milwaukee in 1844 but is now headquartered in Los Angeles, expires in 2020 but provides for two possible five-year extensions. The companies dispute how the extensions should be negotiated: MillerCoors argues that it has sole discretion to determine whether it can continue brewing for Pabst, whereas Pabst says the companies must work "in good faith" to find a solution if Pabst wants to extend the agreement but MillerCoors lacks the capacity.

Pabst needs 4 million to 4.5 million barrels brewed annually and claims MillerCoors is its only option. It is seeking more than $400 million in damages and for MillerCoors to be ordered to honor its contract.

During 2015 negotiations about extending the contract, MillerCoors announced it would close its brewing facility in Eden, North Carolina, and that it eventually might have to shutter another facility in Irwindale, California. Pabst contends that MillerCoors refused to provide any information to substantiate its claim that it would no longer have the capacity to continue brewing Pabst's beers, and that it wouldn't consider leasing the Eden facility and would only sell it for an "astronomical" price.

Pabst says MillerCoors wouldn't agree to an extension unless Pabst paid $45 per barrel—"a commercially devastating, near-triple price increase" from what it pays now. At the March hearing, Paris said MillerCoors knew Pabst couldn't accept that proposal "because it would have bankrupted us three times over."

In court filings, MillersCoors said Pabst's proposals to keep the Eden facility open "were commercially unreasonable" and that Pabst sought "a windfall through litigation" instead of offering to pay enough to keep a facility open. It also said the facility's closing was "to ensure the longer-term sustainability" of MillerCoors because thousands of new brewers have entered the market over the past decade.

MillerCoors and Anheuser-Busch, which have the biggest U.S. market share at 24.8 percent and 41.6 percent, respectively, have been losing business to smaller independent brewers, imports, and wine and spirits in recent years, according to the Brewers Association.

"The beer market has shifted and beer lovers are increasingly demanding more variety, fuller-flavor, and local products from small and independent producers," said Bart Watson, the Brewers Association's chief economist.

Overall U.S. beer sales have declined, with shipments down from 213.1 million barrels in 2008 to 204.2 million in 2017, according to the Brewers Association.

Pabst depends on MillerCoors because the only other U.S. brewer with capacity to make its products is Anheuser-Busch, which doesn't do contract brewing, Paris said.

"It really is an existential issue for Pabst because it has no real alternatives," Paris said at the March hearing.

Paris said the report from the consultant MillerCoors hired in 2013 proves the company never intended to act in good faith. Pabst's attorneys say the report had sections focused on how to "eliminate Pabst altogether" and noted that MillerCoors would need to close two breweries "to be sure they don't have excess capacity for contract manufacturing."

MillerCoors' attorney, Eric Van Vugt, said in court that the company didn't rely on the consultant's report when it decided to close Eden or when it has contemplated closing the Irwindale brewery.

"If we keep Irwindale open, yes, we can supply their beer," Van Vugt said. "No one disputes that. That's the only factor that we need to look at."

South Korea ships tangerines to North, which sent mushrooms

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea has airlifted thousands of boxes of tangerines to North Korea in return for the North's large shipments of pine mushrooms in September, Seoul officials said Monday.

South Korea says it will send 200 tons of tangerines to North Korea by Monday afternoon. Seoul's Defense Ministry says military planes flew to Pyongyang twice on Sunday to deliver the fruits and are doing the same on Monday.

After September's inter-Korean summit talks in Pyongyang, North Korea gave South Korea 2 tons of pine mushrooms as a goodwill gesture.

The tangerine airlifting is a sign that the two Koreas are pushing ahead with efforts to improve ties despite a stalemated global diplomacy on North Korea's nuclear program. According to Seoul and Washington officials, North Korea recently postponed high-level talks with the United States meant to discuss achieving North Korea's nuclear disarmament and setting up a second summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

After a provocative run of its nuclear and missile tests last year, North Korea entered talks with the United States and South Korea this year saying it's willing to deal away its advancing weapons arsenal. The North has since taken measures like dismantling its nuclear testing site and parts of its rocket-engine testing facility, but U.S. officials want the country to take more significant and irreversible steps toward denuclearization.

South Korea's liberal President Moon Jae-in was behind U.S.-North Korea diplomacy. Moon has met Kim three times this year.

Moon's Unification Ministry said Monday it has approved a visit by seven North Koreans to attend an academic forum in South Korea later this week. The forum is about regional issues including Japan's wartime mobilization of laborers in the Asia-Pacific region.

Seoul said Saturday the two Koreas finished withdrawing troops and firearms from some of their frontline guard posts as part of their agreements to lower military tensions between the countries. The Koreas have halted military exercises along their border and have been clearing mines from a border area to conduct their first-ever joint searches for Korean War dead.

Farm supervisor charged in Australia strawberry tampering

SYDNEY (AP)—A former strawberry farm supervisor was accused in court Monday of retaliating over a workplace grievance by putting needles into the fruit, sparking recalls that devastated the Australian industry.

Magistrate Christine Roney said while prosecutors were alleging My Ut Trinh was "motivated by spite or revenge" she would not consider granting bail for the woman until the reasons for her actions became clearer.

While no injuries were reported from the needles, the crisis escalated to six states and neighboring New Zealand. Australia's multimillion-dollar strawberry industry suffered major financial losses, with fruit recalled from supermarket shelves and destroyed. Major food distributors in New Zealand removed Australian strawberries from stores.

State Crime Command Superintendent Jon Wacker told reporters before the court hearing that 230 incidents were reported nationwide, impacting 68 strawberry brands. The scare was concentrated in Queensland state, where 77 incidents were reported, with 15 of them believed to be hoaxes or false complaints.

Trinh, 50, was the first person arrested and has been charged with seven counts of contamination of goods with intent to cause economic loss, and would face up to 10 years in jail if convicted.

A Vietnamese refugee who arrived by boat two decades ago and became an Australian citizen, Trinh was working as a supervisor of fruit pickers at the Berrylicious strawberry farm near Caboolture, north of Brisbane, when she allegedly inserted needles into the fruit between Sept. 2 and 5, the court was told.

Prosecutor Cheryl Tesch said it would be alleged in court that DNA matching Trinh's was found on one of the needles discovered in a strawberry.

Trinh's lawyer Michael Cridland withdrew a bail application, but said his client was not an unacceptable flight risk. She was remanded in custody until Nov. 22.

Walker said the police investigation into the broader crisis was continuing.

Asia

Gunman who killed 12 died from self-inflicted gunshot

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—An autopsy determined that the gunman who killed 12 people at a Southern California bar died from a self-inflicted gunshot, police said Saturday.

Ian David Long, a 28-year-old ex-Marine machine-gunner, fatally shot 11 people at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks and a police officer who responded just before midnight Wednesday. The officer exchanged gunfire with Long, who was found dead at the scene.

Ventura County Sheriff Bill Ayub said an autopsy determined Long fatally shot himself.

Authorities have yet to determine a motive and are exploring all possibilities. Among them is whether Long believed a former girlfriend might have been at the bar, which was filled with about 150 people on its popular college night that attracts students from several nearby schools.

Sheriff's Capt. Garo Kuredjian said investigators were still interviewing witnesses, have served a search warrant at Long's home and searched the car Long drove to the bar.

"We're going to exhaust every investigative means possible," Kuredjian told the Ventura County Star.

Kuredjian said there is no timeline for completing the investigation. The analysis of items obtained in the searches could take months, he said.

Former Sheriff Geoff Dean, whose last day on the job was Friday, said investigators believe Long targeted the bar but don't know why. At least a half-dozen people interviewed by The Associated Press who described themselves as regulars at the bar don't ever recall seeing Long there.

Authorities described an attack of military efficiency . When Long shot his .45-caliber pistol, he killed. All of the injured suffered cuts, bruises and other minor injuries in frantic attempts to escape the gunfire. Some smashed windows and jumped out.

Based on time stamps, investigators say, Long posted to Instagram during the attack. The post involved his mental state and whether people would believe he was sane.

His social media accounts have been taken down but a law enforcement official said Long posted about his mental state and whether people would believe he was sane. The official, who was briefed on the investigation but not authorized to discuss it publicly, spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Long grew up in Thousand Oaks and several people who knew him described him in disturbing terms. Long made others feel uncomfortable going back to his teens.

Dominique Colell, who coached girls' track and field at the high school where Long was a sprinter, remembers an angry young man who could be verbally and physically combative.

In one instance, Colell said Long used his fingers to mimic shooting her in the back of the head as she talked to another athlete. In another, he grabbed her rear and midsection after she refused to return a cellphone he said was his.

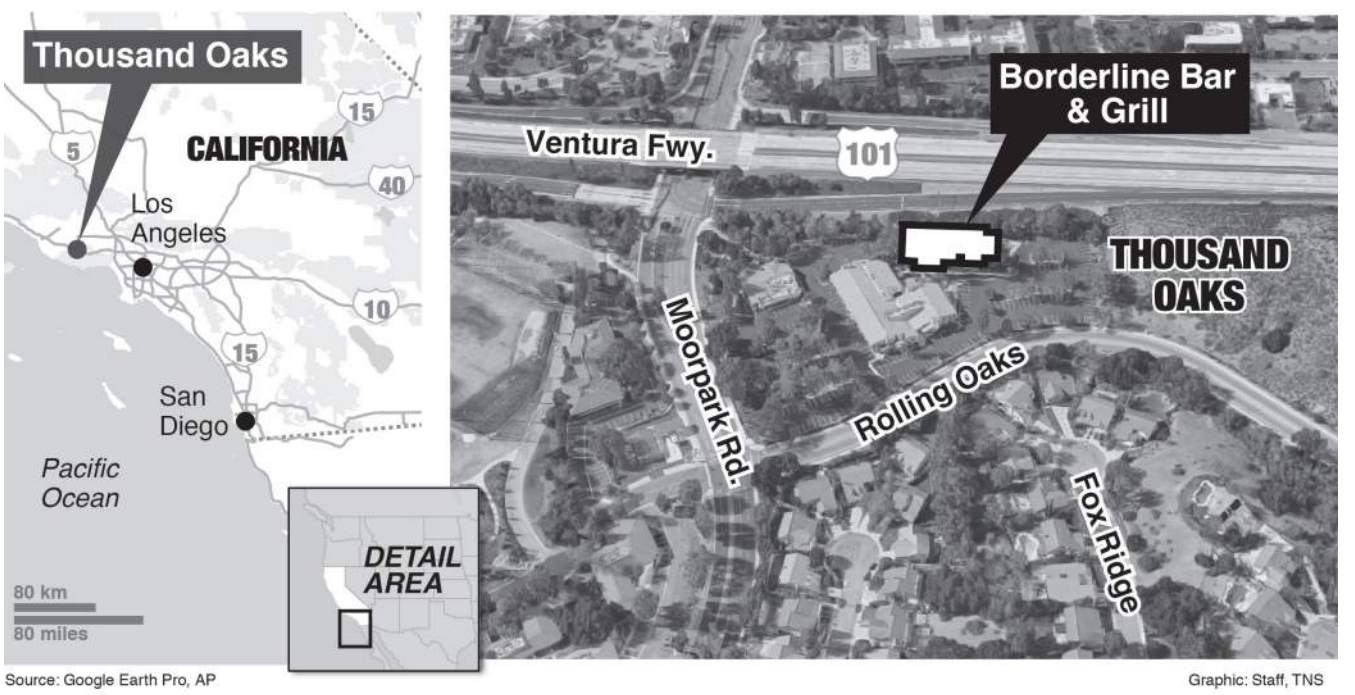
"I literally feared for myself around him," Colell said in an interview Friday. "He was the only athlete that I was scared of."

Police said Long had no criminal record. However, last April, yelling and loud banging noises coming from the home Long shared with his mother prompted a next-door neighbor to call authorities.

Deputies responded and a mental health specialist who assessed Long worried he might be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder but found no grounds to hospitalize him.

13 dead including gunman in shooting at bar

A gunman opened fire at a country dance bar holding a weekly "college night," using a handgun and a smoke device killing 11 people in the bar and a sheriff's sergeant who was one of the first officer to respond.



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ACROSS THE NATION

Prof sues over rebuke for calling transgender student male

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio (AP)—A professor is suing officials at his small, public university in Ohio after receiving a written warning for violating its nondiscrimination policy by not addressing a transgender student using the gender terms preferred by that student. Nicholas Meriwether filed a federal lawsuit this week against officials at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, roughly 85 miles (137 kilometers) south of Columbus. He contends they violated his rights by compelling him to speak in a way that contradicts his religious beliefs as a Christian. Meriwether argued he didn't discriminate and that he treated the student like "other biologically male students." He unsuccessfully challenged his reprimand in a grievance process.

West Point rededicates barracks named for WWI commander

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP)—West Point is re-dedicating a 122-year-old cadet barracks named for a famous World War I general. The re-dedication of Pershing Barracks will be held Tuesday following a $60 million renovation. The barracks is named after Gen. John Pershing, an 1886 West Point graduate who later commanded about two million troops during World War I. The ceremony follows the centennial anniversary of the end of World War I on Sunday. The U.S. Military Academy is modernizing the buildings housing its cadets. Pershing Barracks will house 270 cadets in two-person rooms beginning in December.

Southern California wildfire slows; 177 homes destroyed

MALIBU, Calif. (AP)—Relief and heartache await those starting to return home to a Southern California wildlife zone.

Eager to know the status of his house, 69-year-old Roger Kelly defied evacuation orders Sunday and hiked back into Seminole Springs, his lakeside mobile home community in the Santa Monica Mountains north of Malibu.

His got the thrill of finding his house intact. But some a half-block away were laid to waste, as were dozens more, and virtually everything on the landscape around the community had been turned to ash.

"I just started weeping," Kelly said. "I just broke down. Your first view of it, man it just gets you."

The community where Kelly and his wife have lived for 28 years and raised two children was among the hardest hit by the so-called Woolsey fire that broke out Thursday, destroying at least 177 homes and leaving two people dead.

Despite strong Santa Ana winds that returned Sunday, no additional structures were believed to have been lost, meaning many would return in the coming week to find their home as Kelly did, authorities said.

Santa Ana winds, produced by surface high pressure over the Great Basin squeezing air down through canyons and passes in Southern California's mountain ranges, are common in the fall and have a long history of fanning destructive wildfires in the region.

Huge plumes of smoke still rose in the fire area, which stretches miles from the northwest corner of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley to the Malibu coast.

Airplanes and helicopters swooped low over hills and canyons to drop loads of fire retardant and water.

A one-day lull in the dry, northeasterly winds ended at midmorning and authorities warned that the gusts would continue through Tuesday.

The lull allowed firefighters to gain 10 percent control of the Woolsey fire, which has burned more than 130 square miles (335 square kilometers) in western Los Angeles County and southeastern Ventura County since Thursday.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby stressed there were numerous hotspots and plenty of fuel that had not yet burned, but at sunset he said there had been huge successes despite "a very challenging day."

The count of destroyed homes was expected to increase when an update is reported Monday. Osby noted that a November 1993 wildfire in Malibu destroyed more than

Source: AP, calfire.ca.gov
Graphic: Staff, TNS

270 homes and said he would not be surprised if the total from the current fire would be higher.

The fire's cause remained under investigation but Southern California Edison reported to the California Public Utilities Commission that there was an outage on an electrical circuit near where it started as Santa Ana winds blew through the region.

SoCal Edison said the report was submitted out of an abundance of caution although there was no indication from fire officials that its equipment may have been involved. The report said the fire was reported around 2:24 p.m. Thursday, two minutes after the outage.

Venture County Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen hadn't heard about the Edison report. "It wouldn't surprise me" if it turns out that winds caused equipment failure that sparked a fire, he said.

The two dead were severely burned, their bodies discovered in a car on a long residential driveway on a stretch of Mulholland Highway in Malibu, where most of the surrounding structures had burned. Authorities said investigators believed the driver became disoriented and the car was overcome by fire.

The deaths came as authorities in Northern California announced the death toll from a massive wildfire there has reached 29 people, matching the deadliest fire in state history.

Progress was made on the lines of smaller fire to the west in Ventura County, which was 70 percent contained at about 7 square miles (18 square kilometers), and evacuations were greatly reduced. But thousands remained under evacuation orders due to the Woolsey fire.

Three firefighters suffered minor injuries, Osby said.

Also injured was a well-known member of the Malibu City Council. Councilman Jefferson "Zuma Jay" Wagner was injured while trying to save his home, which burned down, Councilman Skylar Peak told reporters Sunday.

Asia

Imelda Marcos convicted of graft, court orders her arrest

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine court found former first lady Imelda Marcos guilty of graft and ordered her arrest Friday in a rare conviction among many corruption cases that she plans to appeal to avoid jail and losing her seat in Congress.

The special anti-graft Sandiganbayan court sentenced Marcos, 89, to serve 6 to 11 years in prison for each of the seven counts of violating an anti-corruption law when she illegally funneled about $200 million to Swiss foundations in the 1970s as Metropolitan Manila governor.

Neither Marcos nor anyone representing her attended Friday's court hearing.

Marcos said in a statement that the decision was being studied by one of her lawyers who notified the Marcos family that he intends to appeal the decision. Anti-Marcos activists and human rights victims welcomed the conviction as long overdue.

The court disqualified Marcos from holding public office, but she can remain a member of the powerful House of Representatives while appealing the decision. Her congressional term will end next year but she has registered to run to replace her daughter as governor of northern Ilocos Norte province.

"I was jumping up and down in joy in disbelief," said former Commission on Human Rights chairwoman Loretta Ann Rosales, who was among many activists locked up after Imelda's husband, former President Ferdinand Marcos, declared martial law in the Philippines in 1972.

Rosales said the decision was a huge setback to efforts by the Marcos family to revise history by denying many of the atrocities under the dictatorship, and urged Filipinos to fight all threats against democracy and civil liberties.

Former Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., who was also jailed during the Marcos dictatorship, said it was up to voters in next year's May 13 local elections, where Marcos is a candidate, if they want "somebody who has a bad name representing them, that's your call."

Imelda Marcos' husband was ousted by an army-backed "people power" revolt in 1986. He died in self-exile in Hawaii in 1989 but his widow and children returned to the Philippines. Most have been elected to public offices in an impressive political comeback.

Kim Jong Un's struggle to fuel his economy

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—More than 20 years after his father almost bargained them away for a pair of nuclear reactors, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has his nuclear weapons—and a nation still plagued by chronic blackouts.

Even on the clearest days, plumes of smoke from two towering chimneys linger over the center of Pyongyang. The Soviet-era Pyongyang Combined Heat and Power Plant smokestacks are one of the North Korean capital's most recognizable landmarks.

Possibly more than anything else, this is Kim Jong Un's Achilles heel as he turns his attention from developing the country's nuclear weapons arsenal to building its economy.

If stalled nuclear talks with Washington ever get back on track, helping Kim solve his country's chronic energy deficit could be one of the biggest carrots President Trump has to offer. Washington, Seoul and Tokyo tried that back in the 1990s, and were even ready to pay for and build those two reactors Kim's father wanted.

Years of intensive sanctions have severely impacted North Korea's supply of fossil fuels from the outside world, but they also have spurred the country to cobble together a smorgasbord of energy resources, some of them off the grid and some of them flat-out illegal.

Here's a look at where Kim stands and what he is doing to win his country's real struggle for power.

THE BIG PICTURE

Among the most iconic images of North Korea are nighttime satellite photos that reveal it as an inky abyss ringed by the bright lights of China, South Korea and Japan.

The whole nation of 25 million uses about the same amount of electricity each year as Washington, D.C. It uses as much crude oil in a year as the U.S. consumes in just 12 hours. South Korea has about twice the population of the North, but its electricity consumption in 2014 was about 40 times bigger.

Hydroelectricity, which is subject to seasonal swings, provides about half of the fuel supplied to the national energy grid. Coal accounts for the other half.

The grid is leaky, archaic and badly needing repairs.

That smoke-spewing power plant in the capital, which supplies much of the power and hot water needs for central Pyongyang, dates back to the 1960s. Lights in the huge concrete apartment blocks of Tongil Boulevard across town stay lit thanks largely to the East Pyongyang Thermal Power Station—built by the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

What electricity there is is unevenly distributed.

The showcase capital and cities near coal or hydroelectric power plants get the best coverage. Military facilities also take precedence and often have their own supply. So do important party and government operations, some of the higher-profile residences and hotels in the capital and even some restaurants. Lights used to illuminate portraits of the leaders at night never go out.

Still, it's not uncommon for the power even in many higher status locations to flicker on and off. Dancing beams of flashlights are commonplace on the streets or in otherwise darkened apartments. In rural villages, even that often fades to black.

KEEPING THE OIL FLOWING ...

North Korea must import about 3-4 million barrels of crude oil each year to sustain its economy.

Most of it flows through one pipeline.

The China-North Korea "Friendship Oil Pipeline" runs from the border city of Dandong under the Yalu River to a storage facility on the North Korean side about 13 kilometers (10 miles) outside the city of Sinuiju. From there, some is sent across country by truck or rail to the east coast, where it is stored at the port of Munchon. More is transported to Pyongyang for priority recipients such as the military, government departments and state enterprises, and to the port of Nampo, southwest of Pyongyang.

The pipeline—technically there are two, one for crude and the other for refined products—was built between 1974 and 1976.

World

Trump largely alone as world leaders take aim at nationalism

AP

President Donald Trump stands amongst the headstones during an American Commemoration Ceremony, Sunday Nov. 11, 2018, at Suresnes American Cemetery near Paris.

PARIS (AP)—For President Donald Trump in Paris, America First meant largely America alone.

At a weekend commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the president who proudly declares himself a "nationalist" stood apart, even on a continent where his brand of populism is on the rise.

He began his visit with a tweet slamming the French president's call for a European defense force, arrived at events alone and spent much of his trip out of sight in the American ambassadors' residence in central Paris. On Sunday, he listened as he was lectured on the dangers of nationalist isolation, and then he headed home just as the inaugural Paris Peace Summit was getting underway.

The visit made clear that, nearly two years after taking office, Trump has dramatically upended decades of American foreign policy posture, shaking allies. That includes French President Emmanuel Macron, who on Sunday warned that the "ancient demons" that caused World War I and millions of deaths were once again making headway.

Macron, who has been urging a re-embrace of multinational organizations and cooperation that have been shunned by Trump, delivered a barely veiled rebuke of Trumpism at the weekend's centerpiece event: A gathering of dozens of leaders at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the base of the Arc de Triomphe to mark the passage of a century since the guns fell silent in a global war that killed millions. Bells tolled across Europe's Western Front and fighter jets passed overhead to mark the exact moment the devastating war came to a close.

With Trump and other leaders looking on, Macron took on the rising tide of populism in the United States and Europe and urged leaders not to turn their backs by turning inward.

"Patriotism is the exact opposite of nationalism: Nationalism is a betrayal of patriotism," Macron said, adding that, when nations put their interests first and decide "who cares about the others" they "erase the most precious thing a nation can have ... its moral values."

After Trump was gone, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who recently announced that she will not be seeking re-election, made an impassioned plea for global cooperation at the peace forum, saying World War I had "made clear what disastrous consequences a lack of compromise in politics and diplomacy can have."

Migrant caravan moves on to central Mexico city of Irapuato

IRAPUATO, Mexico (AP)—Local Mexican officials again helped thousands of Central American migrants find rides Sunday on the latest leg of their journey toward the U.S. border.

At a toll plaza to the west of the central Mexico city of Queretaro, where the group spent Saturday night, police prevented migrants from waylaying trucks on their own, but officers did help them find vehicles for rides.

The government of Queretaro said via Twitter that 6,531 migrants had moved through the state between Friday and Saturday. It said that 5,771 of those departed Sunday morning after staying in three shelters it had prepared, the largest of which was a soccer stadium in the state capital.

Those numbers appeared even higher than counts made by officials when the group was in Mexico City for several days, raising the possibility that other migrants had caught up to the main caravan.

Starting out before dawn, the migrants went on to Irapuato, an agricultural city about 62 miles (100 kilometers) to the west in neighboring Guanajuato state, and set up camp around a local family center and small sports complex.

As on other days, the migrants jumped at any opportunity to catch rides. They piled onto flatbed trucks, hung from car carrier trailers and even stacked themselves four levels high on a truck that usually carries pigs.

Miguel Ortiz of Honduras reclined in the pig trailer with his wife and son. He said they were headed to U.S. for a better life where they could work for more than just putting food on the table.

Maria Isabel Reyes, 39, of Honduras travelled with her three daughters and a granddaughter.

Overdrive

Image of the 2018 Nissan GT-R. The changes continue for the 2018 model year with the introduction of a new GT-R Pure model.
TNS

NUTS & BOLTS

FACTBOX: 2018 Nissan GT-R Pure

- **MSRP:** $99,990
- **What's all the excitement about?** Nissan's 2018 GT-R is back under $100,000
- **Powertrain:** 3.8-liter twin-turbo V-6 cranks out 565 hp, 467 pound-feet of torque; mated to 6-speed dual-clutch transmission
- **How's the performance?** GT-R vaults to 60 mph in just 2.7 seconds — any more questions?

Nissan GT-R is Pure supercar

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Kudos to Japanese carmaker Nissan for coining the best term yet for a base model. New for 2018, the GT-R Pure is for those seeking pure supercar performance and style without some of the extras that drive up the price.

No premium sound system here, no engine sound enhancements nor titanium exhausts. Of course, if you want all that jazz, the Premium, Track Edition and extreme Nismo versions return this year, too, with prices that can set you back more than $175,000.

But the Pure brings the GT-R back under $100K—barely—for the first time in four years. It's listed at $99,990 (plus $1,695 for destination and handling), which is about $10,000 off the Premium version.

And only modest sacrifices are needed—the Pure is anything but base. It still gets the same hand-built 3.8-liter twin-turbo V-6 paired to a dual-clutch transmission and it's still crazy fast, clocking a 0-60 mph in 2.7 seconds. Plus, it is well equipped with 20-inch Rays forged alloy wheels, rear spoiler, leather and synthetic suede seats and dash, and 8-inch touchscreen with navigation, Apple CarPlay and Bluetooth connectivity.

The GT-R, now entering its 11th year in the U.S., picked up some nice exterior improvements in 2017, including a wider grille, new front and rear spoilers for stronger downforce and grip, functional vents and flashy new colors like Blaze Metallic orange.

But Nissan's flagship supercar is better known for its outstanding all-wheel-drive performance. Jackrabbit acceleration comes from a hand-built V-6 that is rated at 565 hp, just 35 horses less than the race-driven Nismo, and 467 pound-feet of torque. Top speed is nearly 200 mph.

The 6-speed dual-clutch auto-manual transmission is smooth and swift on the upswing, but maybe a tad sluggish on downshifts. Brembo brakes, six-piston fronts and four at the rear, bring it to a halt with crisp efficiency.

A sophisticated AWD system sends most of the power to the rear wheels, appropriately, but can split the torque 50-50 depending on road surface, tire slippage and drive dynamics. Steering is precise and the GT-R maintains good balance through curves, though its 3,900-pound curb weight makes it less agile than its German foes.

An adjustable suspension firms up for track days; R mode sharpens steering and shifting response. And then there's a Comfort mode which eases back on everything for smooth commutes. It's more comfortable and quieter this year, too, with added sound insulation.

GT-R fuel economy, however, lags among some of its cohorts. EPA estimates are 16 mpg city, 22 highway.

Inside is a well-built cockpit with a quality, Infiniti-like feel thanks to recent enhancements. Nappa leather-trimmed front seats are firm, supportive and roomy enough even for bigger guys. The rear seat, on the other hand, is only for kids—small kids, at that—or packages. Cargo space is average for the segment at 8.8 cubic feet and don't bother trying to fold down the rear seats; they won't budge.

The best thing about the dash are gauges and displays that monitor performance data, including 0-60 times, G-forces, shifting patterns and road grip. The infotainment screen now gets a controller on the center console that is easier to use but often slow to respond. A 6-speaker sound system replaces the 11-speaker premium Bose system on higher trims.

The GTR lacks advanced tech-safety features but contains the usual air bags, traction and stability control.

Shopkeepers know 99 cents sounds better than $1.00. Nissan hopes you'll get the same feeling from $99,990. Either way, this high-performance sports car is up to the challenge of even pricier foes.

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Channeling Porky Pig to end sap removal debate

Q A fast easy way to remove sap is Dawn dish soap — original blue. It works really well and won't scratch paint or windows.

— D.R., Quakertown, Pa.

Q In today's paper there was a question on removing sap on the windows and trunk. This will sound crazy. I tried many things, but what worked was Cutter Skinsations Insect Repellent. It totally removed the sap with no damage to paint.

— R.C., Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Q Everybody has a solution for getting anything off your car paint. For years I have kept a bottle of charcoal lighter fluid on my shelf in the garage. It is an instant degreaser and anything-else remover, and on a car surface, it will remove just about anything. The nice thing about it is it dries almost instantly and will not damage paint or even remove the wax on the car.

— M.B., Chicago

A These are a few of the myriad suggestions we have received. And now we will put this subject to bed. As Porky Pig says th, th, that's all, folks.

Q I have purchased a 2019 Cadillac ATS Coupe, with the 3.6-liter engine. It has the start/stop feature that shuts the engine off at every stop. There is a switch on the console to turn this feature off. However, when you turn the car off, it defaults back to on. How can I permanently disable this device?

— C.N., Aurora, Ill.

A We currently know of no way to permanently disable the stop/start feature. Some people initially find this feature annoying but, in the long run, they get used to it. Besides, it improves fuel economy. Remember, you get zero miles per gallon at idle.

Q In regards to your recent column, one should verify that the LED bulbs used with garage door openers have been certified to an FCC certification of Class B. The Class B is a stricter requirement than the Class A that is meant for industrial use. Not all LED bulbs sold at the big stores have the Class B certification.

— B.C., Chicago

A You are right about some LEDs causing garage door opener problems. We researched the FCC website as well as those of LED lighting manufacturers, and yes, buyers should take care to get Class B lamps. Many internet sellers offer the low-cost Class A, so shoppers should beware. Cheap, Class A lamps emit excessive radio frequency interference (RFI) or "noise" that interferes with digital devices, such as garage door openers.

MOTORMOUTH

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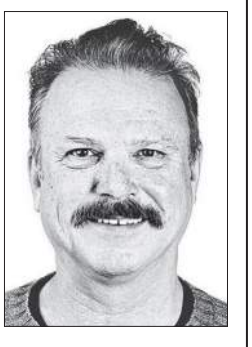

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Q I saw the subject of LED bulbs in garage door openers appeared in your column again today. Genie (the same company that sells garage door openers) sells a 60-watt equivalent garage door opener LED bulb. As it says on the package: "Standard LED light bulbs can create significant interference between your remote and the garage door opener. Genie's LED light bulb minimizes this interference." At about $10 each, they're a little more expensive, but I think it's worth it. The bulbs are available at home improvement stores. Check out the website: http://www.geniecompany.com/garage-door-openers/accessories/led-light-bulb.aspx.

— B.P., Chicago

A We thank you, and so do the millions of automatic garage door openers throughout the country.

Life & Style

Gerard Butler's house 'half-gone,' others await fire's toll

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Celebrities whose coastal homes have been damaged or destroyed in a Southern California wildfire or were forced to flee from the flames expressed sympathy and solidarity with less-famous people hurt worse by the state's deadly blazes, and gave their gratitude to firefighters who kept them safe.

"Returned to my house in Malibu after evacuating," Gerard Butler wrote in an Instagram post next to a photo that showed a burned-out structure and a badly scorched vehicle. "Heartbreaking time across California. Inspired as ever by the courage, spirit and sacrifice of firefighters."

"Half-gone" the "300″ actor grumbled in his Scottish accent in a video that shows embers, ashes and what's left of his home.

A Buddha statue stands among the damage caused by a wildfire at a home Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, in Malibu, Calif. AP

Robin Thicke's Malibu home burned down entirely, according to his representative.

The 41-year-old singer said on Instagram that he, his girlfriend and his two kids are "safe and surrounded by friends and family" and were thankful to firefighters.

"As we drove to safety, they risked their lives trying to save our home," Thicke said.

Camille Grammer Meyer of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" also lost her Malibu home on Saturday night, her publicist, Howard Bragman, said in an email to The Associated Press.

Amy Adams, Jennifer Garner, Olivia Munn and others discuss the harrowing wildfires affecting California at the annual Baby2Baby gala in California. (Nov. 11)

"Sadly my house couldn't be saved," Meyer, the ex-wife of actor Kelsey Grammer, wrote in an Instagram post that showed a huge house engulfed in flames.

Caitlyn Jenner was among the fortunate ones, learning Sunday that her house was spared.

"Yay, our house made it!" Jenner said in an Instagram video then showed the bare, blackened landscape surrounding the house.

"It was devastating out here in Malibu," Jenner said. The hills are just totally scorched. Fried to say the least....we're very, very lucky."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Bruno Mars to provide Thanksgiving meals for 24K in Hawaii

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruno Mars will mark the end of his massive "24K Magic World Tour" by providing meals to 24,000 Hawaii residents in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Hawaiian-born singer announced Sunday he has donated money for the food to the Salvation Army's Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division, which hosts an annual Thanksgiving meal program to help those in need. Mars is set to perform the final show of his 200-date tour at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu on Sunday. It is his third consecutive night at the 50,000-seat venue. The performer's tour is in support of his multi-platinum 2016 album, "24K Magic." It won six Grammy Awards earlier this year, including album, song and record of the year. The album includes the hits "That's What I Like," ″Finesse" and "24K Magic."

It's a girl for model Kate Upton, Astro Justin Verlander

HOUSTON (AP)—It's a girl for supermodel Kate Upton and her husband Houston Astros pitcher Justin Verlander. Upton used her Instagram site to announce the birth of the couple's first child—Genevieve Upton Verlander—and the date Nov. 7. The site features a black-and-white photo of an infant with her hand to her mouth. Further details about the baby and where the child was born weren't released. Upton and Verlander wed last November in Italy, after the pitching ace helped the Astros win their first World Series. Upton in July announced the pregnancy, also on Instagram, in a post with the hashtag "pregnant in Miami."

Aerosmith's Perry hospitalized after jamming with Billy Joel

NEW YORK (AP)—Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry has been hospitalized with breathing problems that began after a guest performance with Billy Joel in New York. Perry's publicists said in a statement Sunday that the musician is alert and responsive in the hospital and is expected to return to the road later this month. The statement says Perry felt short of breath after the performance at Madison Square Garden. It adds paramedics backstage gave Perry oxygen and used a tracheal tube to clear his airway before taking him to the hospital. Perry had to cancel a Sunday appearance at a rock fantasy camp in Florida. The 68-year-old Perry had joined the 69-year-old Joel on stage for a rendition of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way."

On SNL, Pete Davidson says sorry to wounded vet he mocked

NEW YORK (AP)—"Saturday Night Live" cast member Pete Davidson has apologized for mocking the appearance of a veteran who lost an eye in Afghanistan. He says Lt. Com. Dan Crenshaw, now a congressman-elect from Texas, "deserves all the respect in the world." On SNL's "Weekend Update" segment , Davidson was joined by Crenshaw, a Navy SEAL. Davidson had mocked Crenshaw a week earlier, saying viewers might be surprised he's "not a hit man in a porno movie." Crenshaw, a Republican who won a House seat Tuesday, took some joking shots at Davidson. And when his cell phone rang, the tone was "Breathin" by Ariana Grande, Davidson's former fiancee. Crenshaw got serious at the end, encouraging civilians and veterans to connect and paying tribute to heroes like Davidson's father, a firefighter who died on 9/11.

Lin-Manuel Miranda and Carrie Mae Weems to converse Dec. 4

NEW YORK (AP)—"Hamilton" playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda and prize-winning visual artist Carrie Mae Weems are set for a public chat next month. Miranda and Weems will appear together Dec. 4 at the annual "Chairman's Evening" of the MacDowell artist colony. The event will be held at the High Line Hotel in Manhattan and will be moderated by MacDowell chair Michael Chabon, the Pulitzer Prize winning novelist. Chairman's evenings feature artists from different media in conversation. Previous chairman's evenings have included Paul Simon, Martin Scorsese and Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Cheating husband bad-mouths wife who left him for another

DEAR ABBY: I am ashamed to admit this, but years ago I had an affair with a married man. His wife had no idea, but all of his friends knew about it. She recently left him because she met someone else, and he's not only bad-mouthing her, but also using it against her in their divorce.

Would it be wrong of me to help her by letting her know he was a big cheater? I don't want to cause her any more hurt than she's already experiencing. I no longer have any interest in him, but I think the information might help her. I genuinely feel for her.

KARMA OUT EAST

DEAR KARMA: I genuinely feel for her, too. By all means volunteer the information. And when you do, do NOT do it anonymously because if you do, her almost-ex can claim the information isn't credible.

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DEAR ABBY: With the holidays approaching, I want to share with you the solution to a holiday problem. When our kids grew up and started their own families, I had read many letters from young couples caught in the middle of a battle over where to spend Christmas. So I decided to start a new family tradition. We celebrated Christmas at Thanksgiving. We put up the tree and had all the family presents wrapped and ready to exchange underneath.

It was a win-win! We got to share Christmas with family, watch our grandkids open their presents and enjoyed the holiday turkey with all the trimmings. The grandkids got two Christmases, and our kids enjoyed a guilt-free Christmas with their in-laws.

As for us—we spent Christmas with other people who, for whatever reason, couldn't spend it with family. It worked for years, and my children now continue the tradition.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITHOUT CONFLICT

DEAR H.H.: You came up with an excellent solution. Thinking outside the box is a trait that can be extremely helpful in ensuring the success of the holiday celebrations.

For many reasons, not everyone celebrates the holidays on their designated calendar days, and that includes Thanksgiving. If more families took a page out of your book, it could eliminate much of the holiday stress regular readers of my column suffer. Thank you for taking the time to write.

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DEAR ABBY: I enjoy going to movies, especially to the theater in town where I can reserve my seat ahead of time. I recently reserved my seat two days in advance to a movie I had been wanting to see. When I arrived at the theater, a woman was sitting in my seat. I politely pointed out to her that she was in my seat, and she glared at me and said rudely, "Really?"

Granted, the row was empty at the time, but it was still early. I knew more people would show up, and I didn't want to take someone else's seat. So I replied, "Yes, REALLY. I reserved this seat days ago." Was I right asking her to move? More people did show up, and the theater was full.

MY SEAT IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR MY SEAT: Yes, you were right. And if the woman had refused to move, you should have asked an usher to "clarify" your seat assignment for her and ensure she complied.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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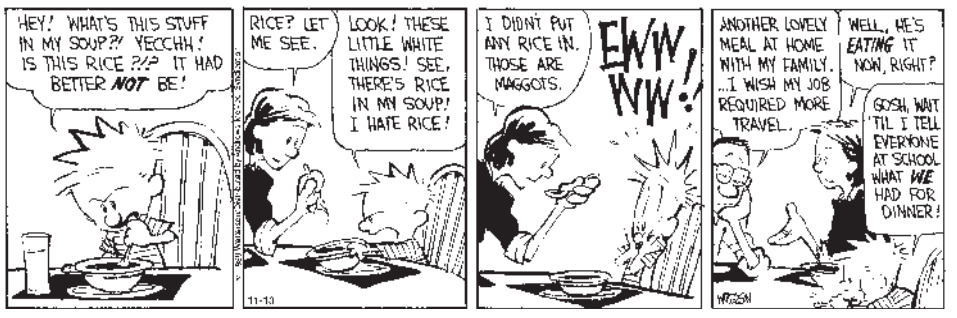
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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RICE? LET ME SEE.
LOOK! THESE LITTLE WHITE THINGS! SEE, THERE'S RICE IN MY SOUP! I HATE RICE!
I DIDN'T PUT ANY RICE IN. THOSE ARE MAGGOTS.
EWW WW!
ANOTHER LOVELY MEAL AT HOME WITH MY FAMILY. ...I WISH MY JOB REQUIRED MORE TRAVEL.
WELL, HE'S EATING IT NOW, RIGHT?
GOSH, WAIT 'TIL I TELL EVERYONE AT SCHOOL WHAT WE HAD FOR DINNER!

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YOU BOUGHT A JET ENGINE FOR THE LEAVES?
YEAH. THIS GUY ONLINE SELLS THEM. IT'S AWESOME.
YOU KNOW IN MOVIES, WHEN A BAD GUY GETS SUCKED INTO ONE AND SPLATS?
IT'S LIKE THAT, BUT WITH LEAVES.
M'KAY. MAYBE I'LL TAKE THE KIDS TO MY MOM'S.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I'D SUGGEST THE MEAT-CRAVERS PIZZA. IT'S GOT MUSHROOMS, CHEESE AND SPINACH.
IF IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY MEAT, WHY DO YOU CALL IT "MEAT-CRAVERS" PIZZA?
DUH.

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By Eugene Sheffer

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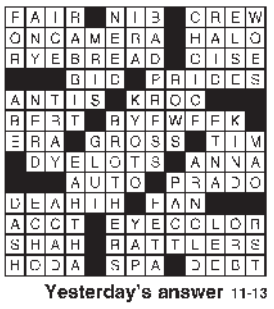

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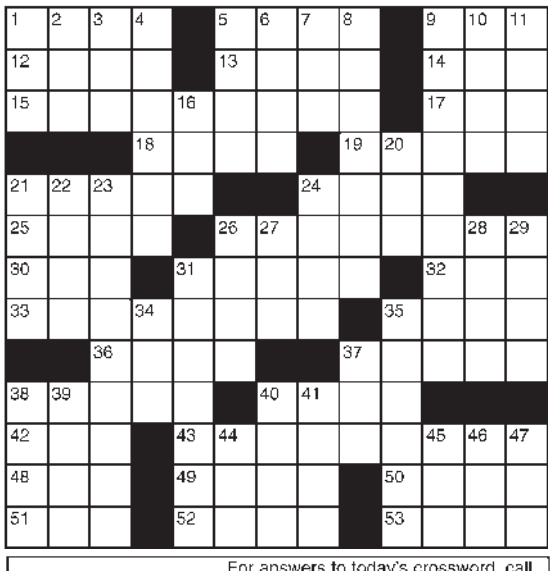

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Happy Birthday: Take pride in what you do. Don't let anyone pressure you to speed up when in order to do things properly you need time. Protect your good name and your integrity. Someone from your past is likely to disrupt your life. Don't believe everything you hear. When faced with controversy, do your due diligence to find out the truth. Your numbers are 6, 13, 20, 27, 35, 39, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* A change in the dynamics of a relationship will leave you feeling emotional. A physical activity will help ease your stress. Don't make a move until you have all the facts. Updating your image or changing your look will boost your morale. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Do whatever it takes to stabilize a situation that has become emotional. Someone you have helped in the past will pay back the favor. Be realistic and draw on previous experience to help you come to an amicable conclusion. Be willing to compromise. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Put your heart and soul into whatever job you want to accomplish; you will reach your goal. An opportunity is heading your way if you are prepared to pick up additional skills or knowledge that will make the transition possible. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Look at situations you face from a different perspective and you will discover a way to get what you want. Catering to what others expect or hope for and offering incentives will bring good results. Listen and observe before you react. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Talks will bring about change. Negotiate on your behalf to be sure you get what you want. The stipulations you make, if presented properly, will be granted. Appeal to the emotions of others; they will see things your way. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* You don't have to tolerate changes that aren't in your best interest. Network and campaign to get the backing you need to counter any plans that may jeopardize reaching your goals. A steady pace will lead to victory. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Problems will surface regarding domestic or personal matters if you let someone meddle in your affairs. Be very clear about how you feel and what you want to see happen. A romantic gesture will improve your relationship with someone special. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Keep an open mind, but don't believe everything you hear. Letting anger take over will bring about change that will not satisfy your needs. Go directly to the source and find out the truth before you react. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Being honest with yourself is a good place to start. If you can't admit when you are wrong or you refuse to believe the truth, you won't be able to move forward. Question your motives before you decide to make a change. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Be leery of an offer that is too good to be true. Someone will offer a false impression regarding his or her lifestyle or relationship with someone you'd like to meet. Protect your possessions, passwords and your reputation. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Put everything you've got into a plan that can help you bring in more cash. A small business venture or applying for a position that offers greater personal growth and opportunity to advance looks promising. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Deception is apparent. Question anything that doesn't sound accurate, and don't offer information that you haven't verified. You'll end up being blamed and looking bad if you lack integrity or trust someone who isn't reliable. Strive to maintain a good reputation. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are steadfast, eager and attentive. You are dedicated and respectful.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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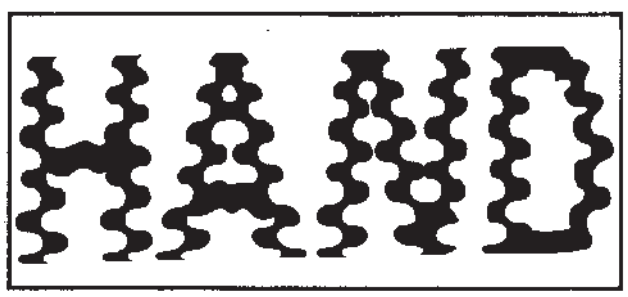

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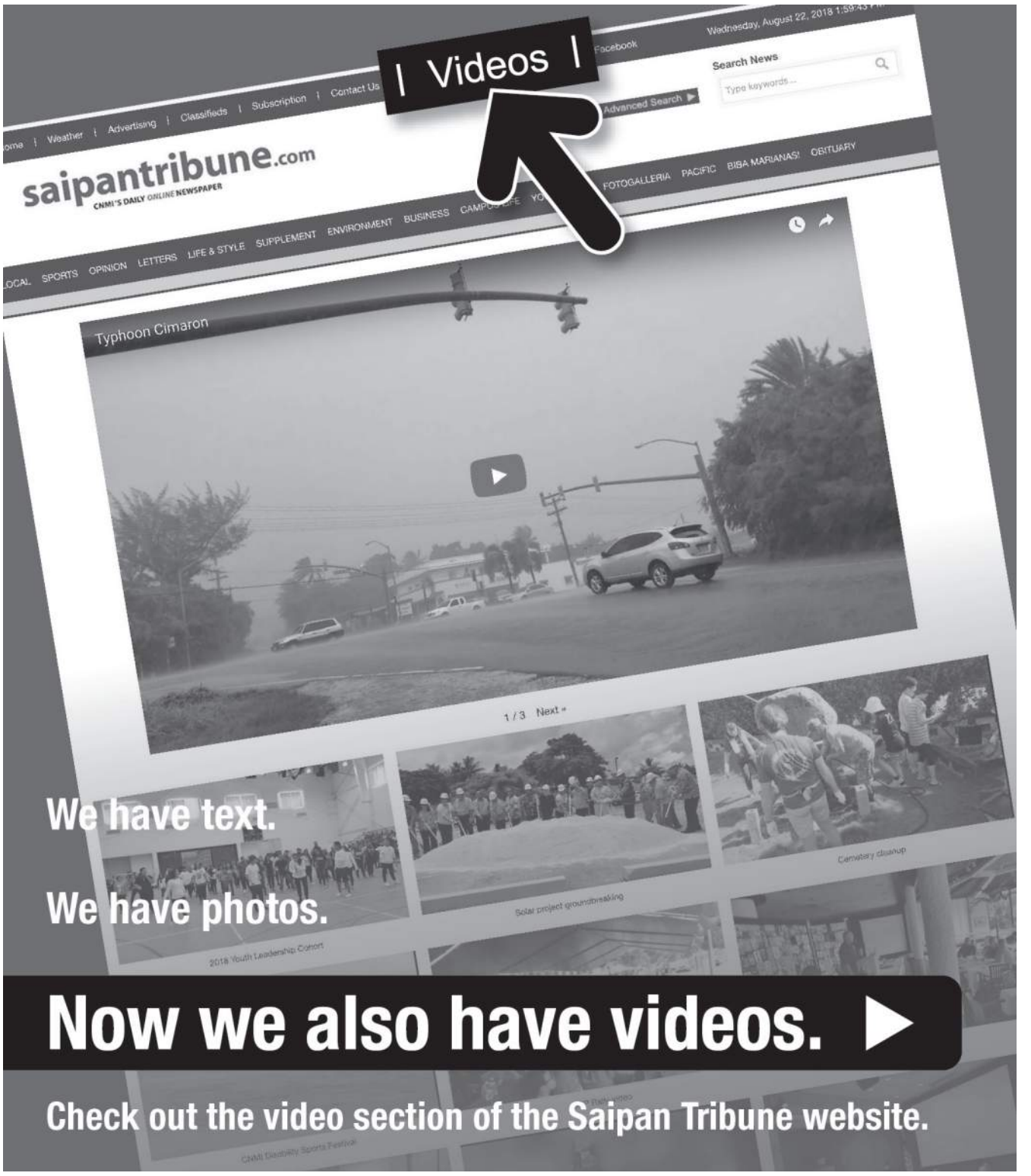


Titans sack Brady, snap skid against Patriots

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tom Brady added another big chunk of NFL history to his resume. The Tennessee Titans made sure the Patriots quarterback didn't finish his 300th game.

The Titans sacked Brady three times and hit him repeatedly as they beat New England, 34-10, Sunday, snapping a seven-game skid against the Patriots in Mike Vrabel's first game as head coach against the team he helped win three Super Bowls.

It was the most sacks allowed in a game this season by the Patriots (7-3), and coach Bill Belichick pulled Brady for Brian Hoyer midway through the fourth quarter.

Only Brett Favre (326) has played in more games, both regular season and postseason, as a quarterback than Brady. The three-time NFL MVP also needed only three touchdown passes to tie Peyton Manning (579) for the NFL record for most TD passes all time for both the regular season and postseason. He left having thrown for 254 yards and no TD passes.

Marcus Mariota capped each of the first two drives with TD passes, and Derrick Henry ran for a pair of TDs. Ryan Succop also added two field goals as the Titans (5-4) scored a season high in points after jumping to a 17-3 lead in the first quarter. They now have beaten both of last season's Super Bowl teams in Nashville.

The loss snaps a six-game winning streak going into New England's bye. The Patriots, who routed the Titans 35-14 in January, also lost to Tennessee for the first time since Dec. 16, 2002.

AP

Tennessee Titans wide receiver Tajae Sharpe (19) drops a pass while covered by New England Patriots cornerback Jason McCourty (30) during Tennessee's 34-10 win over New England on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn.

Saints 51, Bengals 14

In Cincinnati, Drew Brees threw three touchdown passes in the first half, moving ahead of Brett Favre for second place on the career list, and the Saints rolled to their eighth straight victory.

Brees led the Saints to touchdowns on all five first-half possessions with a nearly perfect performance—only two incompletions. His 17-yard TD to Michael Thomas with 2 seconds left in the half gave him 509 career touchdown passes, one more than Favre.

Up next: Peyton Manning's record 539.

Cowboys 27, Eagles 20

In Philadelphia, don't count out the Dallas Cowboys just yet.

Riding the back of Ezekiel Elliott and a clutch defense, the Cowboys pulled off a shocker and stunned the Philadelphia Eagles 27-20 in a thriller on Sunday night at Lincoln Financial Field.

Elliott rushed for 151 yards, caught six passes for 36 yards and scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns, including a 1-yard plunge with 3:19 remaining that held up as the game-winner.

Dallas' defense sealed the deal by stopping two last-gasp Eagles drives in the final three minutes.

Chiefs 26, Cardinals 14

In Kansas City, Patrick Mahomes threw for 249 yards and two touchdowns, outplaying Arizona counterpart Josh Rosen in a matchup of two of the NFL's bright young quarterbacks.

Mahomes threw both TD passes to Tyreek Hill, the second giving the Chiefs' first-year starter 31 for the season. That broke the franchise record set by Len Dawson in 1964—with plenty of games to go.

Not to mention the playoffs, with the Chiefs (9-1) barreling toward the No. 1 seed.

Packers 31, Dolphins 12

In Green Bay, Aaron Jones ran for career highs of 145 yards and two scores, Aaron Rodgers and Davante Adams connected for two touchdown passes.

The Packers (4-4-1) pulled away in the second half, sandwiching scoring drives around cornerback Bashaud Breeland's interception deep in Miami territory. Green Bay went ahead 28-12 on Adams' 25-yard touchdown catch with 7:24 left in the third quarter.

Chargers 20, Raiders 6

In Oakland, Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes, Melvin Gordon gained 165 yards and the Chargers won their sixth straight game.

Rivers bounced back from a first quarter with no completions to throw an 11-yard TD pass to Keenan Allen in the second quarter to give the Chargers (7-2) the lead for good. He hit a 66-yarder to Gordon on the opening drive of the second half.

Los Angeles coasted from there against the Raiders (1-8), who have lost five straight games by at least 14 points under coach Jon Gruden.

Rams 36, Seahawks 31

In Los Angeles, Brandin Cooks rushed for a 9-yard touchdown on the first snap after Dante Fowler forced and recovered a fumble by Russell Wilson, and the Rams bounced back from their first loss of the season.

Jared Goff passed for 318 yards and two touchdowns, and Todd Gurley rushed for 120 yards and a score as the Rams (9-1) swept the season series with their division rivals.

Browns 28, Falcons 16

In Cleveland, rookie Baker Mayfield threw a season-high three touchdown passes and rookie Nick Chubb streaked 92 yards for a TD as Cleveland ended a four-game losing streak.

The Browns (3-6-1) played their most complete game this season under interim coach Gregg Williams, their defensive coordinator who improved to 1-1 since replacing the fired Hue Jackson.

Bears 34, Lions 22

In Chicago, Mitchell Trubisky threw for 355 yards and three touchdowns, and the NFC North-leading Bears snapped a 10-game losing streak against division opponents.

The Bears (6-3) had dropped nine of 10 against Detroit (3-6) and were seeking their first victory over a division opponent since Oct. 31, 2016, against Minnesota.

Redskins 16, Buccaneers 3

In Tampa, Alex Smith threw for 178 yards and one touchdown, and Dustin Hopkins kicked three field goals for the Redskins (6-3), who forced four turnovers and rebounded from a lopsided loss to Atlanta despite playing with a makeshift offensive line because of mounting injuries.

Smith threw 6 yards to Josh Doctson for the game's only touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Colts 29, Jaguars 26

In Indianapolis, Andrew Luck threw three touchdown passes in the first half and the Colts' defense forced a late turnover. Indy (4-5) has won three straight.

Tight end Eric Ebron had a career-high three touchdowns, including one on a 2-yard run, all in the first half.

Blake Bortles threw for 319 yards and two TDs.

Bills 41, Jets 10

In East Rutherford, Matt Barkley stunningly sparked Buffalo's bumbling offense with two touchdown passes, including one to offensive tackle Dion Dawkins. LeSean McCoy broke out of a season-long slump with 113 yards rushing and a pair of TD runs.

Barkley made his first start in nearly two years, and looked the best of any of the four quarterbacks the Bills (3-7) have trotted out this season.

Olympic funds not usable for abuse probes

DENVER (AP) — A growing sex-abuse problem in Olympic sports has led to a steady stream of Congressional hearings and a three-year grant worth $2.2 million.

Yet not a penny of those federal funds can be used to fight the actual problem: investigating or resolving more than 800 open cases, many brought by victims themselves.

That leaves an ever-growing backlog for the U.S. Center for SafeSport, the organization that opened 20 months ago to investigate sex-abuse complaints in Olympic sports.

"We didn't realize until the (bid instructions for the grant) came out that we would not be able to use it for performing investigations," said SafeSport CEO Shellie Pfohl. "Clearly, that is a need, and we are continuing to look for more robust funding, both from government sources, as well as from outside of government."

SafeSport's mission is to investigate cases and serve as an independent clearinghouse for educating about abuse, with the authority to ban athletes and coaches across organizations that run Olympic sports in the United States. It is backed by the U.S. Olympic Committee, which took steps to decertify USA Gymnastics this week for botching an organizational rebuild following the sexual abuse scandal involving now-imprisoned team doctor Larry Nassar.

To be sure, the money—SafeSport will use $1 million in the first year, $875,000 in Year 2 and $378,000 in Year 3—represents a significant infusion for an office operating on $6.4 million in 2018. But according to the rules of the Justice Department grant awarded last month, it must all be directed toward prevention and education programs, and for auditing national governing bodies' work in sex-abuse prevention — not the most acute needs for an operation that has struggled to hire investigators to look into the 1,622 complaints, an average of 85 a month, that have come its way.

The backlog is growing steadily, with spikes coming whenever sex-abuse and assault cases make big headlines.

Not long after opening, when the #MeToo movement and Nassar allegations were in the headlines, the number of reports coming into the center rose from 20 to 30 a month to that same number each week. Over the two weeks that Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation topped the news because of sexual assault allegations that he denies, the center received 135 calls.

The center has 14 employees on its response and resolution team, including six full-time investigators and another dozen who work on a contract basis. According to numbers provided by the center, full-time investigators handle an average of 10 active cases at any given time and the contractors handle between three and six. That means no more than 132 of the 800-plus cases are being investigated at any given time.

The $2.2 million grant won't help resolve any of those manpower issues.

LeBron's dunk lifts Lakers over Hawks

LOS ANGELES— LeBron James scored 26 points and dunked for the winning basket in the final seconds, lifting the Los Angeles Lakers to a 107-106 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Sunday night.

Kyle Kuzma added 18 points for the Lakers' fifth win in six games.

Kuzma's layup tied the game at 104-all with 1:34 to go.

Kent Bazemore was called for a technical at the end of that play and Kuzma made the free throw for a 105-104 lead.

Vince Carter dunked to put the Hawks back up, 106-105.

James got fouled at the other end and missed both. But the Lakers got the offensive rebound and Kuzma charged into the paint amid three defenders for a shot from the left side. It missed.

James was waiting on the right, dunking for a 107-106 lead.

Taurean Prince led the Hawks with 23 points, Bazemore added 21 and Trae Young had 20 for Atlanta, which still has just one road win on the season.

Alex Len's dunk started a 7-0 run that put Atlanta ahead 102-98 in the fourth.

James' basket drew the Lakers within one, but then he missed two long jumpers on the same possession.

The Hawks trailed by nine to start the fourth. Their first three baskets in the fourth came on 3-pointers by Prince (two) and Young (one).

The Lakers dominated the third, outscoring Atlanta 32-22 to take an 84-75 lead into the fourth.

But Atlanta kept coming, hitting three consecutive 3-pointers to start the fourth when James was on the bench for the Lakers.

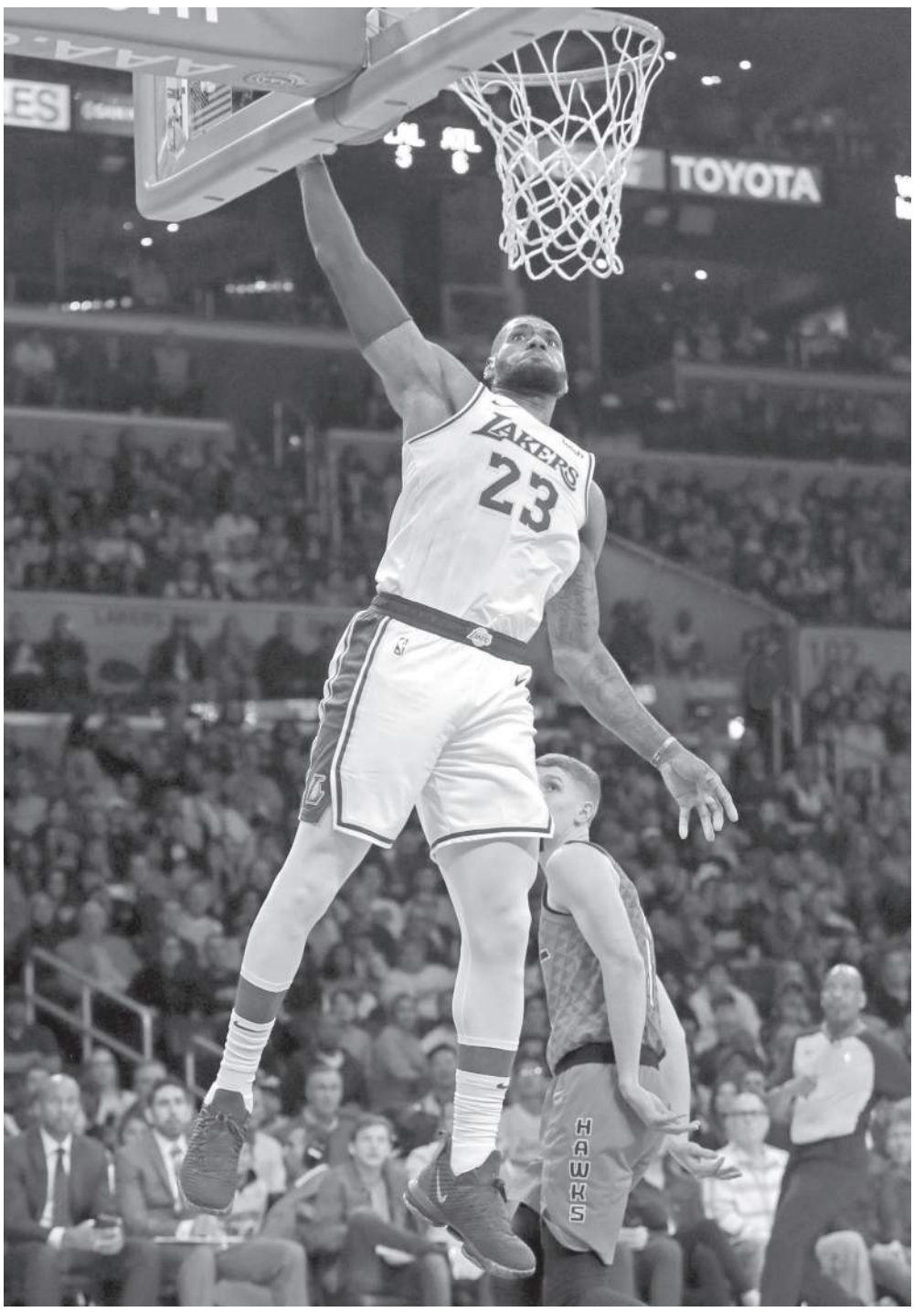
Len's dunk gave the Hawks a 99-98 lead, just the second time they led in the second half.

James' dunk that tied the game midway through the second quarter got started with Rajon Rondo. He tossed up an alley-oop pass that Brandon Ingram batted back as he ran out of bounds to a trailing James, who provided the thunderous finish.

The Hawks raced to a 9-0 lead to start the game, their largest lead of the night. The Lakers missed their first three shots and Ingram committed two turnovers.

The Hawks haven't beaten the Lakers at Staples Center since March 4, 2016. Prince was called for a flagrant-1 foul on James in the first quarter. Dewayne Dedmon wasn't with the team while awaiting the birth of his first child.

James earned his 768th career victory, overtaking Reggie Miller for 21st on the NBA's all-time victories list. They've won five in a row against the Hawks and are 24-5 against them at home since 1991.



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Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) dunks against the Atlanta Hawks during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in Los Angeles.

Rockets 115, Pacers 103

In Houston, it's more than three weeks into the season and the Houston Rockets finally got their first home win on Sunday night.

With the hole they're in early, they'll need plenty more to dig their way out.

James Harden scored a season-high 40 points and Chris Paul added 26 to help the Rockets to victory over the Indiana Pacers.

"It's nice to get a win," Paul said. "We've obviously been struggling ... but we've got to keep building."

The Rockets, who had lost the last two games of a season-long five-game road trip, dropped their first four home games. They're 5-7 this season and in 12th place in the Western Conference.

Houston was up by 10 with about four minutes left after five quick points by the Pacers, but Harden made two free throws after that to stretch the lead. The Pacers got within 8 on a basket by Cory Joseph with about 90 seconds left, but Paul made a layup a few seconds later to put the game out of reach.

Victor Oladipo had 22 for the Pacers, who have lost three of their last four games.

"We knew they were very capable of getting hot even though they hadn't shot the ball well early this season," Indiana coach Nate McMillan said. "We knew they were very capable and tonight they did. It was tough matchups trying to stop those guys."

The win comes as the Rockets deal with a disappointing start to the season and rumors and reports about Carmelo Anthony's status and future with the team. Anthony, who is in his first year in Houston, sat out for the second straight game with an undisclosed illness on a day the New York Times had a sourced report that said he had been told he would soon be waived.

General manager Daryl Morey said before the game that the report was "inaccurate" and that singling Anthony out as the cause of Houston's struggles was unfair.

The Rockets, who entered the game ranking near the bottom of the league with a 3-point shooting percentage of just 31.7, shot 42.6 percent from long-range and made a season-high 20 3s on Sunday night. Harden had eight and Paul added five to lead the way.

"When we're like that we're going to score a bunch of points and if ... our defense can keep improving then we're the team that we want to be," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Hornets 113, Pistons 103

In Detroit, Tony Parker scored 24 points, Kemba Walker had 24 points and seven assists in the win for Charlotte.

Cody Zeller added 14 points to help Charlotte win for the third time in four games.

Andre Drummond had 23 points and 22 rebounds for the Pistons, and Reggie Bullock had a career-high 23 points, hitting six 3-pointers. Detroit has lost six of eight after a 4-0 start.

Detroit's Blake Griffin was given a flagrant-2 foul and ejected with 7:06 to play for a shoulder check on Malik Monk.

Magic 115, Knicks 89

In New York, Terrence Ross scored 22 points, Nikola Vucevic had 21 points and 14 rebounds, and Orlando won its second straight and for the fourth time in five games.

Harlem native Mo Bamba played his first NBA game at Madison Square Garden and had 15 points and eight rebounds. Evan Fournier added 12 points for the Magic.

The Magic made a season-high 17 3-pointers off 42 attempts.

Enes Kanter notched his fifth straight double-double with 16 points and 15 rebounds, and Kevin Knox had 17 points for the Knicks, who've lost two straight and four of five.

Bucks 121, Nuggets 114

In Denver, Brook Lopez had a career-high eight 3-pointers and 28 points to help the Milwaukee Bucks snap an eight-game skid in Denver.

All five Bucks starters scored in double figures and four of them had 20 or more points in Milwaukee's first win at the Pepsi Center since 2010.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 22 points, nine rebounds and eight assists. Khris Middleton had 21 points, and Malcom Brogdon added 20.

Paul Milsap led the Nuggets with 25 points and Nikola Jokic added 20. Denver has lost three straight.

Trail Blazers 100, Celtics 94

In Portland, Damian Lillard had 19 points and 12 assists and Portland won its fourth straight game.

Jusuf Nurkic added 18 points and 17 rebounds for Portland. The Trail Blazers have won seven of their last eight games.

Jayson Tatum matched his regular-season career high with 27 points and Kyrie Irving added 21 for the Celtics. They finished 1-4 on their trip.

The Blazers led by as many as 21 points in the game.

Rockets GM denies report that Carmelo will be waived

HOUSTON (AP)—Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey denied a report Sunday that said Carmelo Anthony's time with the team will soon come to an end.

Anthony, who was out for the second straight game Sunday night with an illness, is in his first season with the Rockets after one year in Oklahoma City.

The New York Times had a sourced report Sunday saying Anthony has been notified that he will soon be waived. When asked about that report before Sunday night's game, Morey said: "that's inaccurate."

The Rockets, who reached the Western Conference finals last season, are off to a disappointing 4-7 start, with many outsiders blaming Anthony for the struggles.

Morey went on to say that he wanted to speak to reporters in large part to defend Anthony.

"It's unfair that there's all this speculation on just one person," Morey said. "I understand it he's obviously a Hall of Famer. But it's unfair."

Anthony, who is in his 16th season, has averaged 13.4 points and 5.4 rebounds in 10 games with two starts this season.

When asked if he's evaluating Anthony's role on the team, Morey said they're evaluating everyone as they try to get the team on track.

"I know that we're talking about everything," he said. "We're a team trying to win the championship and we're 4-7 and we're not in a good place so we're looking at everything. We're looking at all aspects right now."

He added that he "would expect" Anthony to play when he's healthy.

Anthony joined the Rockets after a tumultuous season with the Thunder where he averaged a career-low 16.2 points in 78 starts. Coach Mike D'Antoni laughed off the supposition that the rumors about Anthony are a distraction to his team.

"Our problem is we can't shoot the basketball," he said. "That's a hindrance ... and we've got to fix that."

D'Antoni said Houston's problems are definitely not Anthony's fault and agreed with Morey that the outside criticism of him has been unfair.

"Melo's been great and he's done everything we've asked," D'Antoni said.

Morey said that it's "his job" to figure out how to get the team going, but that he's seen signs recently that things will soon turn around.

"I feel like we have been playing better ... but the reality is we're nowhere near where we expect to be and we have high expectations and we're going to stick with those," Morey said.

Flustered Federer loses opener to Nishikori

LONDON (AP)—Kei Nishikori hit a backhand so good it threw Roger Federer off his game as the 20-time Grand Slam champion earned a code violation before capitulating in a surprise defeat at the ATP Finals on Sunday.

Two points away from losing the opening set and on the back foot in a rally, Nishikori hit a stunning shot up the line, which prompted Federer to hit the ball into the crowd and receive a warning for ball abuse.

Federer never appeared to regain his composure and went down 7-6 (4), 6-3 in a first opening match defeat at the season-ending tournament since 2013.

"I thought 'What was his argument, why the warning?" Federer said of his exchange with the umpire. "But nothing more than that. He thought I was angry. I wasn't. Now I'm angry because I lost, but I wasn't, so..."

Federer earned the first break points in the opening game of the second set, and took his chance, but Nishikori hit straight back in the following game.

Nishikori was the far more composed player from that moment on and broke for a 4-2 lead, before closing out the match for a first win over Federer since 2014.

"It's always a big challenge to play Roger," Nishikori said. "The first match is not easy."

Six-time champion Federer, who has reached the semi-finals in all but one of his 15 previous appearances at the tournament, will now likely need to win his remaining two round-robin matches to keep alive his chances of claiming the 100th title of his career.

More thanks to poor returning than good serving, neither man was able to create so much as a sniff of a break of serve in an error-strewn opening set, until Nishikori's backhand denied Federer two set points with the score at 6-5, 15-30.

A tiebreaker followed and Federer made one of his 20 unforced errors in the set to give Nishikori the first mini-break and a 3-1 lead, which quickly became 6-1.

Federer rallied to save three set points, but Nishikori delivered a well-placed serve out wide to ensure the comeback attempt ended there.

However, his concentration deserted him moments later as a double fault gave Federer a break he did little to earn. But the Swiss responded in kind and a wild forehand error leveled the score at 1-1.

"Unfortunately I couldn't keep the lead that I got early (in the second set),"Federer said. "That was the key of the match, that sort of 10-minute swing at the end of the first through to maybe 1-1 in the second."

The seventh-seeded Nishikori began to relax and was rewarded in the sixth game as he brought up another break point and produced an inside-out forehand Federer had no chance of returning.

Despite having lost his last six meetings with Federer, including two on this court, Nishikori showed no nerves as he dropped just one point in his next two service games, with a forehand error from the Swiss great ending the match.

Earlier, Kevin Anderson made a confident start to his ATP Finals debut with a 6-3, 7-6 (10) victory over Dominic Thiem.

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Switzerland's Roger Federer wipes his face during his ATP World Tour Finals singles final tennis match against Japan's Kei Nishikori at the O2 Arena in London, Sunday Nov. 11, 2018.

Carol debuts in Mexico

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The CNMI's Carol Lee will have her debut in Mexico today, as she competes in the Copa Mundial Campeche FMT in Campeche.

Lee is at the lower half of the main draw and unseeded in the Grade 1 event, which offers 280 points to the singles winner and 210 to the doubles champions. The 16-year-old will challenge Mexico's Ingrid Carolina Millan in the opening round of the 64-player field. The Lee-Millan tiff at 11am (Mexico time) on Court 3 at the Campeche Country Club.

The Mexican is also unranked in the high-level competition. Milan is at No. 914 in the ITF Juniors world rankings and holds a 15-18 record in singles and 18-16 in doubles. This year, the 17-year-old has won four matches and lost five in singles and holds a 3-4 slate in doubles.

Lee, who is ranked No. 178, has a better overall record than Millan with the former having an 89-37 mark in singles and 54-36 in doubles. This season, the Commonwealth bet has registered 20 victories and eight losses in singles and 13 wins and eight defeats in doubles thus she is favored to prevail against her Mexican opponent.

The many-time NMSA/TSL Foundation Student Athlete of the Year awardee will also see action in the doubles event of the Copa Mundial FMT, but her teammate has yet to be determined as of press time last night.

The hard court tournament is just Lee's first stop in Mexico. She will also play in the Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT that will be held at the Club Campestre de Yucatán Calle in Merida from Nov. 19 to 25.

Singh wins final event, giving Langer another Schwab Cup

PHOENIX (AP)—Vijay Singh rallied from six shots behind Sunday with his career-best round on the PGA Tour Champions, a 10-under 61 that gave him a four-shot victory in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship and gave Bernhard Langer the season title and $1 million annuity.

Langer won the Schwab Cup for the fifth time, and fourth time in the last five years.

"At age 61 to do it is quite an achievement," Langer said, holding a glass of red wine on the balcony at Phoenix Country Club. "Maybe there's another in me."

Scott McCarron was in position to capture the Schwab Cup for the first time, needing only to win the final tournament of the season provided Langer didn't make a big run and finish among the top three. Langer tied for 13th.

McCarron, however, faded badly. He hit a tee shot out-of-bounds on No. 3 to make double bogey and was never under par at any point in the final round. Needing a big finish, McCarron hit over the green into a corporate grandstand behind the 17th hole and made another double bogey.

He closed with a 72 and tied for third.

The charge came from Singh, who was holing putts from everywhere and lost track of his score until it was time to sign his card. His 61 was his lowest score by two shots on the 50-and-older circuit.

"I really didn't think I had any chance," Singh said.

Singh said he saw a leaderboard around the 13th hole that showed him tied for the lead, and he poured it on. He punched a wedge under the trees to 30 feet and holed the birdie putt on the 16th, rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th and was on his way.

Singh finished at 22-under 262 to win by four shots over Tim Petrovic, who started the final round one shot behind McCarron and closed with a 70.

The 55-year-old Fijian won for the third time this year and finished at No. 4 in the Schwab Cup.

"The way they were scoring all week, I thought if I got to 20 (under), I might finish top 5," Singh said. "I birdied the first two, hit it close at 4. I just kept going. I didn't think about much. I didn't even know what we were shooting."

Singh missed only one green in regulation.

Langer capped off another remarkable year for a 61-year-old German with an ageless game. He only won twice, his fewest since 2015, but was runner-up six times.

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grassroots—the school children who are impacted by the super typhoon and they need our help," NMA president Ramon Tebuteb said.

"I don't know when will most of the schools resume their classes, but I know it could be soon, so it will be nice to get our children back in school with the needed supplies," he said.

The NMA head is hoping more runners/walkers will join the turkey Trot so they could raise more school supplies. He added that they will also request support from their generous sponsors to help NMA's cause.

"Runners/walkers could just come at the registration area and bring the school supplies by themselves. Their support to this super typhoon relief efforts will be much appreciated," Tebuteb said.

Relay 4 Saipan in Guam

Meanwhile, Guam Central Athletics and Fonene Achoho Sensu Athletics are co-hosting the Relay 4 Saipan that will be held this Saturday in front of the Tiyan High School in Barrigada.

The entire proceeds from the race will be donated to NMA. Registration fees are $50 per team (four-person squad). Each runner will cover a distance of 800m to complete the two-mile relay. Check-in time is at 5am, while the race will kick off at 6am.

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has been supporting our national team for so long so I was glad to help them out as well. We felt that because of how much support they show us, it is only right to help clean their campus. Also, the whole island is always behind our team, so we need to show that we appreciate them as well," said Tenorio, who used to play at the KES pitch when he was still in the lower age group of the NMIFA Youth League.

Tenorio and company cleaned up the Hugging Umangs' campus for about three hours, picking up debris and clearing the field.

"With KES as one of the facilities we play in, many of us felt that it is our duty to step up and help clean the school after the super typhoon. It could also speed up the process of allowing students to return to school. I also think the teamwork we had as a national team made it a lot easier. As girls, we aren't as strong as the boys, but together we managed to lift many things and clear up as much debris as possible," Itaas said.

"This is one way I could give back to both NMIFA and PSS for all the opportunities and assistance they provided me. In addition, I enjoy volunteering. I feel that it brings out the good in me and is the best way to help the community, especially after the destruction caused by Super Typhoon Yutu," she added.

NMIFA technical director and head coach Michiteru Mita is proud to have responsible national team players on and off the pitch. He also said that it is just right to help KES, which has been backing up NMIFA programs.

"KES is always very supportive of our soccer programs. Also KES is our neighbor and if neighbors suffer, it is normal to help each other. I saw big damage in KES—building collapsed and windows were broken. We should hold cleanups at KES several more times," Mita said.

"Many people on the island are still struggling to recover and get back to their normal life. We are willing to help the community and the kids. Our national teams always get many support from the community, so it is the national team players and coaches' responsibility to contribute to the community, too," added Mita, who was joined in the cleanup by assistant coach Jersh Angeles.

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NMA TO RAISE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR YUTU VICTIMS

Turkey Trot to push through

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It's a go for the 34th Annual Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot Run and participants are encouraged to donate school supplies in lieu of paying the registration fees.

Northern Marianas Athletics Robin Sapong told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the NMA board met last week and after a careful discussion and considering the welfare of the participants, the group decided to push through with the event that has become a tradition on island every Thanksgiving Day. The 4.2-mile race from Lower Base to the fabled highest peak on Saipan will be held on Nov. 22 with registration and start times at 5am and 6am, respectively.

Runners slow down as they head up to Mt. Tapochao during the 2016 edition of the Turkey Trot Run. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

"After seeing how things are improving, the NMA board decided to proceed with our annual Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot Run on Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds from the event will go toward the post typhoon relief efforts helping kids with schools supplies. We are encouraging our runners to donate school supplies instead of paying the $10 registration fees to support our cause," Sapong said.

A lot of schools and homes sustained massive damage from Super Typhoon Yutu, which slammed Saipan and Tinian late last month. Schools supplies both at home and in the classrooms were destroyed and majority of the students on Saipan and Tinian have yet to return to school (specifically the public schools).

"This is a very difficult situation for everybody, but we can make things better if we will work together. In NMA's case, our program is based on

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Youth football players pay back

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CNMI national youth team players Sunjoon Tenorio and Khristelle Itaas appreciate the support they are getting from the community and helping in the recovery efforts after Super Typhoon Yutu struck Saipan is the perfect time to return the favor.

Tenorio and Itaas were among the 14 players and four Northern Mariana Islands Football Association staff members who conducted a cleanup drive at the Koblerville Elementary School last Saturday. KES was one of the schools hit by the Category 5 typhoon late last month.

"Koblerville Elementary School

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CNMI national youth team players lift a broken window at the Koblerville Elementary School during a cleanup drive at the campus last Saturday.

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CNMI national youth team players and NMIFA staff members pose with the trash and debris they collected during a cleanup drive at the Koblerville Elementary School last Saturday.